In Loving Memory of



Vincent Collins

Sunrise: November 26, 1976 Sunset: April 13, 2016

<u>Service</u> Sunday, April 24, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027 Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Officiating Bryon Neal, Organist

Obituary

On November 26, 1976 in Harlem, New York, it was an exceptionally wonderful day in which **Vincent Devon Collins** was born. He was the first and only son of Vincent Collins and Barbara Ann White. He was a joy and blessing to his parents.

Vincent was very mild mannered, easy going and had good behavior. He loved his grandmothers, Bernice and Marie. They affectionately called him "Pumpkin". He enjoyed spending time with them at family gatherings. His aunts, Joan and Toni would often take him to amusement parks and shopping sprees. As he grew older, he was lovingly called "Vee" by his close friends from Wagner Projects and in the Waterbury, Connecticut community where he spent a few years.

His popular saying was "Yo" and he was never short at saying a joke, "Yo, man, where you going with that mismatched shirt or those funny looking sneakers."

He graduated from Park East High School. Vee worked from home. He was very resourceful with his hands. He was a master at fixing lamps and chair restorations. He lived in Waterbury, Connecticut with his longtime companion, Carrie. He was a very good father figure to her five children who loved him dearly.

He loved his family. On Sunday evenings, he would often call his Uncle John in Geneva, New York and they would have long conversations about sports. Basketball was his favorite sport and he was rarely seen without wearing a baseball cap.

He is predeceased by his grandmother, Bernice White, aunt, Tracey Collins, and uncle, Truman Cromartie.

Left to mourn are: his father, Vincent; his mother, Barbara; brother, Korey Collins; nephew, E'Mauri Collins; grandmother, Marie Collins; six uncles, John Cromartie, Kenny Collins, Raymond Collins, Darryl Collins, Marlon McDowell and Marvin McDowell; five aunts, Toni Collins, Joan Collins, Adrienne Collins, Elizabeth Cromartie and Renee; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Sadly missed, Vincent will remain in our hearts and forever loved.

"Pumpkin we will miss your laugh, your smile and all the joy we had together. You was a humble and kind nephew. Until we meet again, rest in God's bosom. We will always love you forever." - Joan and Toni Collins

"<u>Vee</u>: words cannot explain how much we are going to miss you, and how much we miss you already. Our hearts are heavy at this day and time! After all these years, I don't know if we ever told you that we love you. (Well, we are saying it or telling you now.) <u>Vee</u>, we love you!!! And we are very proud to have you as our nephew and we will remember you and honor your life, for the rest of our life. Sorry to lose you. (R.I.P)" - Marlon and Marvin McDowell (twin brothers, his uncle).

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory Chester, New York

Lords Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Repast

2101 Lexington Avenue (near 126th Street) New York, NY

Expression of Thanks

The family of **Vincent Devon Collins** wishes to take this opportunity to express how much we appreciate your outpouring of sympathy. Your prayers, love and support have been a source of comfort and strength. Please continue to lift us up in your prayers, and may God continue to bless you abundantly.

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