

A portrait of Ronald Roy Davenport, Sr., a middle-aged Black man with a mustache, smiling. He is wearing a dark green patterned polo shirt and a gold chain necklace. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and a sunburst effect behind his head.

*A Celebration
of Life
For*

Ronald Roy Davenport, Sr.

Sunrise: September 22, 1946

Sunset: May 28, 2016

Service

Saturday, June 4, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Ronald Roy Davenport, Sr. entered into the world on September 22, 1946, and in the afternoon of May 28, 2016 the Lord called him home.

Ronald was the son of the late Melvin and Dolores (Davenport) Scott of New York City and Charleston, South Carolina. He was the second of four children, Wilbert E. Davenport – preceded him in death, Darryl T. Scott, and Joseph Scott.

Ronald served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War era and served his country faithfully from 1966 to 1968 as a Supply Specialist, before being honorably discharged. Ronald established a career within the transit system, and later retired from Metro North after thirty-six years of dedicated service as a railroad engineer.

On May 19, 1970, he was joined in holy matrimony to his lovely wife, Linda (Faucette) Davenport, who preceded him in death. Through their union his only son was born, Ronald R. Davenport, Jr. AKA Pat, short for “Patches”. He later met Elnora Merritt and they had a beautiful daughter, Krystal Ann Merritt. “Ronnie”, as he was affectionately called, was also a father-figure to Keisha Odom – preceded in death, Twan Renee Jackson and Mia Fraser.

To cherish his memories, he leaves: his loving children, Ronald Davenport, Jr. and Krystal Merritt of New York, NY; his only daughter-in-law, Sarah (Joseph) Davenport; four grandchildren, Jamar Edwards, Dashawn Joseph, Amar Richardson, and Ronald R. Davenport III; two brothers, Darryl Scott (Johanna) of Sierra Vista, AZ and Joseph Scott (Lanetta) of Fayetteville, NC; aunt, Ida Smith of Warner Robbins, GA; extended family members, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and very special friends. Ronnie was a generous and loving father, grandfather, and friend to all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

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Remarks

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Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

*Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York*

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,

I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

- Attributed to various authors

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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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