In Loving Memory of



William Thomas Linson

Sunrise: July 23, 1947 Sunset: September 15, 2016

Service Thursday, September 22, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC. 2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

<u>Obituary</u>

William Thomas Linson was the son of Martha (Gen) Howcott Linson, the adopted son of Willie Thomas Linson and the natural son of Elliot James. He was born on July 23, 1947, in Plymouth, North Carolina. On Thursday, September 15, 2016, at approximately 12:45 PM he departed this life. William lived in Plymouth, NC to the age of eleven. In the late 1950's, he moved to New York City with his mother Martha.

William attended Middle School and High School here in New York City. He worked at Harlem Hospital for several years. During the time he worked at Harlem Hospital he entered a trade school to study fashion and tailoring. It was during this time that he modeled for Tommy Hilfiger and maintained a friendship with him. With his new found skills in fashion, William became an entrepreneur, starting his own tailoring business. He developed a select group of clients in Harlem and the Bronx, and provided contract services for numerous businesses throughout Manhattan.

William was known to the people of Harlem as "Lindsey." He lived near 130th Street on Lenox Avenue when he first came to New York and always retained close ties to the community. He loved to walk on Lenox Avenue where he had many friends and was known to the people and the shop owners.

William was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by: his loving and devoted wife of nineteen years, Cheryl Jones-Linson. Their marriage was filled with love, family and devotion to each other. He was always surrounded by his loving children, Tanna Linson, Bryant Rogers, Crystal Linson, Dawn Linson, Tonya Linson, Bernadette Linson, Kesha Davis, and Nikki Rogers. He was the proud grandfather of Bryant, Aisha, Jasmine, Bree-Ann, Brandon, Donyea, Kendall, Brice, Blessyn, King, Royal and proud great grandfather of Hunter, Justin, Sincere, and Harmony. Although often separated by distance his sisters and brothers remained inseparable. They are Cynthia Spruill of Akron, Ohio, James Linson of New York City, Linda Linson of Plymouth, NC and Donald Linson of Yacaipi, CA. He also leaves a special friend, Ms. Bernadette Haynes, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends who are grieving his passing.

<u>Order of Service</u>

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Viewing

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Interment

Maple Grove Cemetery Hackensack, New Jersey

As I sit in heaven And watch you everyday I try to let you know with signs I never went away I hear you when you're laughing And watch you as you sleep I even place my arms around you To calm you as you weep I see you wish the days away Begging to have me home So I try to send you signs So you know you are not alone Don't feel guilty that you have Life that was denied to me Heaven is truly beautiful Just you wait and see So live your life, laugh again Enjoy yourself, be free Then I know with every breath you take You'll be taken one for me...

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