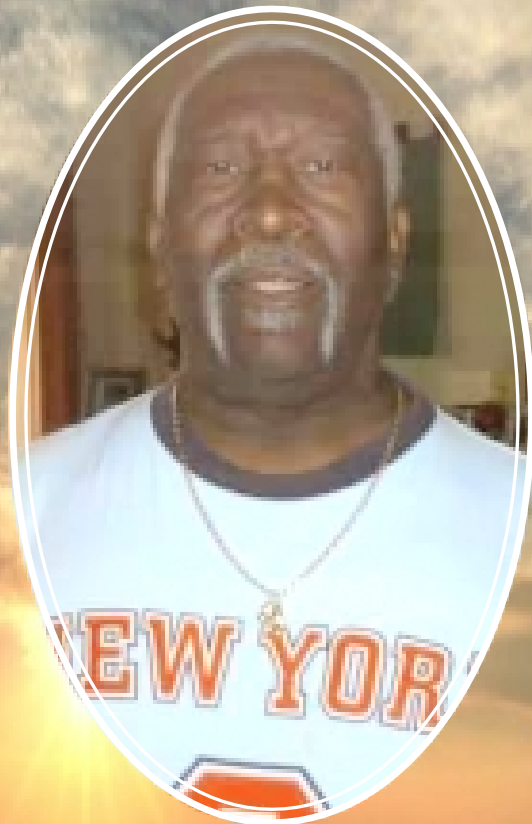


CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Edwin "Joe" Heath, Sr.



Sunrise: September 12, 1939

Sunset: November 13, 2016

Service

Monday, November 21, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

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Obituary

Edwin Heath, Jr. entered his life on September 12, 1939 to the late Enel Davis and Edwin Heath, Sr. in LaCeiba, Honduras. He was the oldest of six children.

Edwin was educated in Honduras and was an amateur boxer. He was referred to as "Joe Heath" due to him imitating his childhood hero, Joe Louis' boxing style. As far as its known, he never lost a fight in the ring or the street. Joe loved watching boxing and soccer on television, especially when one of the teams playing were from Honduras. Joe also took pleasure in playing pool at his local pool hall.

Prior to leaving Honduras, Edwin worked for the Standard Fruit Company (a.k.a. Dole Food Company). In 1957, he left home looking for work and was hired by Caribbean Shipping Limited as an engineer and travelled all over the world. In the early 70's, he moved to Staten Island, New York and was hired by Jepson. He later went to Sun Chemical where he worked as an engineer. In the mid-sixties, he married his childhood sweetheart Emily (Miller) O'Garro, and had three children. After he divorced from his first wife, he moved to Harlem, NY and married Clara Calvin and embraced her two children as his own. In 1990, they had a child together. Joe lived in Harlem for thirty years where he was well known and respected by his friends and neighbors.

Joe had enough experience and knowledge to connect with anyone. He could talk about anything and was a friend to most people he met. He liked to see the good in people and make the best out of a situation. He was not a person to hold grudges or look for problems. He was a simple, easy-going person. He was very proud of his family. They meant a lot to him and was one of his main sources of happiness. From his walk to his voice, he was a very strong, proud masculine man but also had a sweet side. He was respectful and sincere. Even during his last days, his main concern was his family's suffering. He did not want to be the cause of pain to the people he loved. He made jokes all the way to the end to cheer us up. He was selfless and a hero to us all.

Edwin is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gilbert and Bo; sister, Edna; grandchildren, Gabriel, Kenya, Jalinnie and Keivan Heath. Joe leaves to mourn: two daughters, Sharon Heath and Talema Heath; one step-daughter, Katrina Calvin; two sons, Tyrone and Shawn Heath; one step-son, Marvin Calvin; one sister, Zonia Heath-Brice; two brothers, Raymond and Wilbert Heath; six grandchildren, Shacor Brinson, Jada Brown, Zaire Heath, Ati Gouch, Brooklyn Heath and Noah Kim Heath. He also leaves to mourn his longtime girlfriend, Karen Brown, as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Order of Service

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Remarks

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Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Rosemount Cemetery
Elizabeth, New Jersey*

You Had To Go Too Soon

*During the day I have to be strong
I try so hard to show that nothing is wrong.
But at night my tears will flow,
it was just so sudden you had to go.
People keep asking if I'm ok,
the answer is no but its yes I say.
I'm trying to move on,
but it's just not fair that you are gone.
I do not have any hate in my heart,
but I was not ready for a new start.
It started out a normal day
And with one phone call it all went gray.
As I packed you a bag I said you would not die,
when the doctors piled in I said it was a lie.
All I wanted was to see my dad,
all those doctors made me so mad.
I didn't want anyone else to see you that way,
but no matter what I had no say.
Your skin was so cold as I gave you one last kiss,
you dad are the one that I will always miss.*

From daughter, Sharon

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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