

Celebrating The Life of



Gregory Ford

Sunrise: March 14, 1951
Sunset: November 20, 2016

The Life

Sometimes it is hard to understand...why certain things must be.
But there is a reason for it all...Beyond our power to see.

The windows of Heaven opened in Harlem on March 14, 1951 and on this sunny day a bouncing baby boy, **Gregory Ford** was born to the late Catherine Louise Ford. The late Raymond Williams entered their lives shortly after Gregory was born and loved and raised him as his own.

We have come today to honor and celebrate the life of Gregory Ford. His early childhood and formative years were spent in Manhattan, after graduating from Evander Childs High School; he entered into the working world where he served as a photographer. Gregory worked at the Metropolitan Museum for over a decade. Gregory was a copartner in the Contact Photography Studio in lower Manhattan for over twenty years. His last place of employment was in Brooklyn, New York at Emani Altisimo's After School Youth Program as a photography instructor.

Gregory had several gifts and talents that he displayed throughout his life. Everyone knew at any family gathering he would pull out his camera and take memorable pictures. Photography was his passion. He truly loved taking photos and collecting different kinds of cameras. He also entered numerous art and photo contests and won prizes for his entries. Gregory Ford also enjoyed poetry and loved watching and going to the movies. As a child, he would spend his spare time (sometimes school time) to see an old time Western or a latest flick. Chinatown was his favorite place to hang out. Gregory would go there daily to eat, watch a Chinese movie, and explore. He knew all the ends and outs of Chinatown. Even though he frequent Chinatown, Gregory also loved to cook. He made tasty dishes for family gatherings that were a combination of different cultures.

Gregory's personality was one of compassion, love, a little stubbornness at times, and an interesting sense of humor. He did not have a numerous amount of friends but was loved dearly by the few he had. Gregory was very closely connected to his immediate family. His presence at family functions will always be remembered. The Cover of Life's Book has closed for Gregory, he was called home on Sunday, November 20, 2016.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his brothers, Gary, Raymond, Tony, and Andre; sisters, Roxanne and Renee; nephews, Hassan, Gary, Tyreek, Malik and Stephen; great nephews, Marquise and Bryce; great nieces, Lamaria and Solange; sister-in-law, Lelice; aunt, Shirley; great aunt, Alice; first cousins, Glynn, Morris, Kathy (Necie), Pamela and Kim; his best friends, Denise and Susan DeMirjjan; and a host of cousins and friends.

“Good men must die, but death cannot kill their names”
Danish Proverb - author unknown

Service

Friday, December 2, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

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Rev. Dr. J. G. McCann, Sr., Officiating

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Order of Service

Processional

Musical Selection..... “I Won’t Complain”

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Solo..... “Amazing Grace”..... Raymond Ford

Acknowledgements

Remarks and Testimonials..... Friends and Family

Poem..... Pamela Foreman

Obituary..... Pamela Foreman

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery • Linden, New Jersey

*A Repast will immediately follow the interment at:
759 Eagle Avenue, #7H, Bronx, NY 10455*



Brother

You gave no one a last farewell,
Nor ever said good-bye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
A million times we will miss you.
A million times we will cry.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly.
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place,
No one else can fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.
We will meet again someday,
I know in a better place.
I thank God He made you our brother
While you were here on earth.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Gregory Ford** wishes to express sincere gratitude and appreciation for acts of kindness extended during our time of grief.

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