

*Celebrating the Life of*  
**Antonio Blondet**



*Sunrise*

*January 20, 1943*

*Sunset*

*March 15, 2017*

*Service*

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

**HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME**

984 Prospect Ave • Bronx, NY 10459

*Rev. Dr. James Morrison, Officiating*

# Order of Service

*Processional*

*Invocation*

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Acknowledgements*

*Remarks*

*Two minutes please*

*Obituary*

*Eulogy*

*Benediction*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

## **Final Disposition**

*Woodlawn Crematory*

*Bronx, New York*

# Reflections of His Life Story

**Antonio Blondet Sr. aka OG Tony, 73, of Bronx, New York passed away Wednesday, March 15, 2017.**

*Antonio was born April 20, 1943 in New York, New York to Virgilio and Marcelina (Castro) Blondet. He is of Puerto Rican culture and descent.*

*He enjoyed working and most often had more than one job at a time. In true fashion, he cared for and invested in many people's lives as a Certified Addiction Counselor at Lincoln Recovery Center in the Bronx. He was a lifelong student, continuously learning, always gaining knowledge and regularly sharing what he learned with others.*

*Tony was a lifelong social activist and served his community around him. The care he showed inspired others to serve. He was a role model. He was a man of many talents, countless passions and he believed in people's ability to change.*

*Tony loved taking pictures most of his life for many years could be seen with at least one camera at his side and often a second one as backup so he could capture all the moments of life in his pictures. He was a lover of electronic devices long before they became as commonplace as they are today. He loved all forms of music, especially Jazz. He loved boxing, basketball, martial arts – especially Bruce Lee, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Tony thrived and proudly lived in the Bronx and personified all the richness and dignity of the Bronx. He had a passion for the arts, music and for movies. One of his greatest loves was that of watching movies, whether they were good or bad. As long as the movies made him feel something and they were worth discussing afterwards, then they were worthwhile.*

*Tony enjoyed spending time with friends and family, especially at his special place, Glacken's Bar and Grill. Tony enjoyed playing dominos at Glacken's with his friends, talk politics, history and debating over the real important things in life. You had better come prepared before entering a debate with Tony.*

*Tony was a man with great spirit, tremendous wisdom and a nurturing soul.*

*Tony is preceded in death by parents Virgilio and Marcelina (Castro) Blondet of Dorado, Puerto Rico, Godmother Gladys Hernandez of Bronx, New York and beloved son Virgilio Blondet.*

*He is survived by his son Antonio Blondet Jr. aka Tony of Dallas, Texas; daughter Shamane Blondet Gardner and her husband Dwayne of New Carrollton, Maryland; step-daughter Veronica Carroll and her husband Joe (and children), of Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania; step-son Rosendo LaBoy aka Rez of Alexandria, Virginia; three grandchildren Russell Schaum of Eagleville, Pennsylvania and Joshua and Brian Gardner of New Carrollton, Maryland. He is also survived by his best friend and beloved life partner Sheila Thomas, his former wife, Sahn Miah Drake of Alexandria, Virginia, his brother Virgilio (Diane) Blondet of Bloomfield, CT, nieces Sahdia Blondet of Long Island, NY, nephews Trevon Blondet of Bronx, NY and David Paige of Bloomfield, CT; as well as numerous relatives and friends.*

*Tony is loved by so many and He will never be forgotten.*

# *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation  
and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to  
them in their time of sorrow.*

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