

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Richard Feaster, a middle-aged Black man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark patterned sweater. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees and a bright sky.

Richard Feaster

Sunrise: June 18, 1947

Sunset: September 28, 2017

Service

Saturday, October 7, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

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Rev. David Jenkins, Officiating
Bobby Arrington, Organist

Obituary

Richard Feaster was born in Chester, South Carolina to Mary (Mae) Feaster and Richard Coad on June 18, 1947. As a child Richard, nicknamed "Jackie Boy" (which may have been in reference to baseball player Jackie Robinson becoming the first African American to play in the Major Leagues the same year Richard was born) moved from South Carolina to New York City where he was raised by his mother along with his five younger siblings.

While living in New York City Richard, who then became affectionately known as "Feaster" or "Feas" began his own family with Patricia Dormant in 1973 and had five children, Jeffrey, Shavonnie, Khawanna, Chealynn and Leandriss. He supported his family by working a stellar 26 year career with the New York City Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) as a bus operator and was a member of the TWU Local 100 Union until his retirement in 2006. Throughout his career he was recognized by the MTA and presented with the Safe Driver Award a number of times.

The patriarch of his family, Feaster was known for his strong and kind spirit, humour and sociable personality. He lived his life enjoying his friends' and family's birthday parties, graduations, barbecues, weddings and events, going fishing, and in his retired years, international cruises and luncheons with his dear friends from TWU's Retirees Association. He was also a sports fan who frequently attended baseball and basketball games. Feaster stayed connected to his Harlem neighborhood where he spent most of his life and was a very active and valued member of the ARC Central Harlem Senior Center for over 15 years.

He was adored by his four granddaughters, Kameron, Fredricka, Madison and Khirstien who looked up to him as the GOAT and called him Grandpa. Feaster, with his signature beard, was a generous man who could say a lot with just an affirming nod and a smile. He will be deeply missed and forever remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

Richard Feaster was preceded in death by his father, Richard, his step-father, Doc and mother, Mae who opened Heaven's gates for him on September 28th, 2017.

Richard leaves to mourn: Patricia; his five children, Jeffrey, Shavonnie, Khawanna, Chealynn and Leandriss; his son-in-law, Wiky; his granddaughters, Kameron, Fredricka, Madison and Khirstien; his siblings, Brenda, MaryAnn, Alphonso, John Lee and Michelle; nieces and nephews, Dawn, Derrick, Darla, Devon, Hartley, Jr., Zhakila, Jarien, John Lee, Jr. and Amber; along with a host of great nieces and nephews; and a host of cousins, in-laws and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Mt. Holiness Cemetery
Butler, New Jersey*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, 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 all 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!*

-author unknown

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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