

In Loving Memory of

Benjamin Murray

Born: September 14, 1950

Died: November 29, 2017

Service

Thursday, December 7, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

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Obituary

On September 14, 1950, John and Bertha Murray of Harlem, New York welcomed a baby boy into the world. They named him Benjamin, a new playmate for three older brothers, Nehemiah (Sonny) the oldest, John Edward, who was soon to celebrate his second birthday and Charles who was about to become one year old. The following year, in December, they were joined by their only sister, Carolyn. About the time Ben entered Mathew Henderson Elementary School (PS 100) in December of 1955, a new addition, brother Mansa Musa joined the growing family. In June of 1960, Ms. Bertha welcomed her last son, Gary Leonard into this world.

When Ben was about to enter Frederick Douglas Junior High School (PS 139), his interest in basketball was budding. He enjoyed sketching and playing the bongos whenever he found time. Swimming was mandatory for boys in school at that time and the Bath House on 135th Street is where Ben became an excellent swimmer. By the time Ben came to William Howard Taft High School in the Bronx, his basketball skills landed him on the school team. He loved basketball, joining various community teams and playing in many leagues. You could often hear a ball bouncing late into the night and Ms. Bertha calling out "stop bouncing that dog gone ball". He and brother Charles became regulars in the Rucker League summer tournaments. At times, they played on the same team with brother Mansa as one of the score keepers which caused much controversy and tempers flaring in the hot summer sun. By this time, the Murray living room was full of trophies from the floor to the ceiling. Under both bunk beds in the back room you could find boxes of old trophies that had lost parts or could no longer stand up straight.

Ben graduated from Newark Prep Academy and received a scholarship to Oregon State where he shined over the next few years. He finally returned to New York where he met Barbara Cosey.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Barbara Cosey-Murray; sister, Caroline Murray; brother, Charles Murray and wife Julia; brother, Mansa Qaiyim and wife, Mateenah; children, Lawrence Cosey and wife, Portia, Clarice Wilson, Dorothy Cosey, and Cynthia Dixon and husband, Edward; seventeen grandchildren; thirty-five great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; beloved nephews, Charles, Jr. and Julius; nieces, Kutina and Denise; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Opening Selection	Ms. Iris Williams
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
New Testament	John 14:1-6
Prayer of Comfort.....	Ms. Dorothy Cosey
Reflections (Two Minute Limit).....	Friends and Family
Acknowledgement of Cards	Ms. Gwendolyn Moore
Reading of the Obituary.....	Ms. Gwendolyn Moore
Selection	Ms. Iris Williams
Eulogy.....	Minister Claudia Whitaker
Benediction	Minister Claudia Whitaker
Recessional.....	Unity

Interment

*Restland Memorial Park
East Hanover, New Jersey*

MY HERO

*“YOU ARE LOVED AND CHERISHED
YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE FOR ME
YOU ALWAYS WENT THE EXTRA MILE
YOU WERE KIND AND THOUGHTFUL
YOU COULD ALWAYS MAKE ME LAUGH
THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE YOU GAVE
LIFE WELL LIVED MISTER
YOU ARE FREE NOW
REST IN PEACE”*

YOUR LOVING SISTER, CAROL

TO MY HUSBAND

*“THE GOOD GUY I DEPEND ON FOR HIS LOVE AND SUPPORT
THE FUNNY GUY WHOSE SENSE OF HUMOR LIGHTENS UP MY LIFE
AND THE SWEETHEART OF A GUY WHO’S SIMPLY THE BEST
YOUR LOVE ADDED SO MUCH TO MY LIFE”*

WITH SO MUCH LOVE YOUR WIFE

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express our profound appreciation and gratitude for your kindness during this time of sorrow.

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