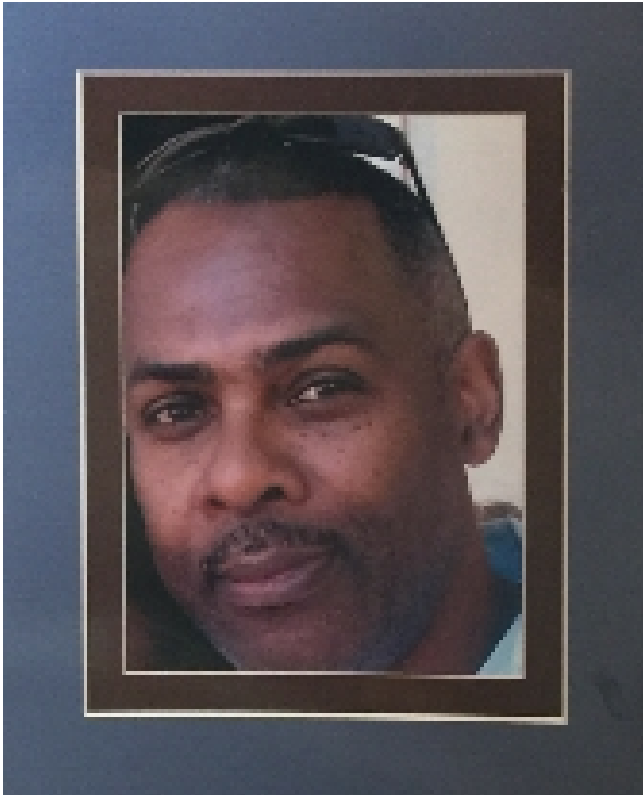

In Loving Memory Of
Trevor Rodger Bannister

Sunrise
October 12, 1956

Sunset
December 7, 2017



Service

Thursday, December 14, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

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Reflections of Life

Trevor Rodger Bannister was the son of the late Shirley and Beresford Bannister. Born on October 12, 1956, Trevor was called home on December 7, 2017. Though born in Queens and a resident of Montclair, New Jersey, his heart always belonged to the place where he grew up: Harlem.

Growing up in Harlem had a great influence on Trevor. The neighborhood fostered his keen sense of how the world worked. The people of his childhood shaped his commitment to community and the preservation of culture. His style and his much awarded talents with a basketball were admired by his peers. He knew where the latest parties were, but wasn't a party animal. He knew where the neighborhood haunts were and he knew enough to stay away. He knew a lot of people but could count his true friends on one hand.

Trevor was known for his quick wit, razor sharp insight and his ability to say so much with just an expression. His personal quest for knowledge was intense. ESPN, CNN and Jeopardy were constantly on TV. He had an obsession with the news and newspapers, buying at least three a day. He read everything he could get his hands on to expand his extensive and deep well of information.

He was one of the most hardworking men on this earth. Trevor worked tirelessly at his job at the U.S. Postal Service to ensure his family was taken care of, working the early morning shifts so he had time to pick up his daughter from school. But he never complained. His philosophy was getting a job done, without fanfare. He will never be defined by his work but by the love he had for his family.

For those who knew Trevor, they knew of his love story with his wife, Cheryl. A party at Columbia University grew into a relationship that lasted 38 years. A strong partnership until his final days, their love was true and pure. It produced his beloved daughter, Desiree. From the day she was born, Trevor made sure she was safe, loved and protected. He taught her to be aware of the ways of the world, and how to love and respect her ancestors. Most importantly, he supported her on all of her dreams. He was so proud when she decided to pursue a career in jazz. He introduced her to genre and their mutual love of all music was one of the languages they communicated their deep love for one another. He was a dedicated husband, father, son and brother.

Left to cherish his memories: his wife, Cheryl Bannister; daughter, Desiree Bannister; brother, Craig Anthony (and his partner, Bruce BOWENS); aunt, Arlene Medford; godmother, Gladys Barnes; uncle, Arthur Barnes; cousins, Darrell and Hadah Medford; brother-in-law, Hank Williams; sister-in-law, Linda Williams; father-in-law, John Williams; and a host of friends. He's predeceased by his parents, Shirley and Beresford and his youngest brother, Kemp.

Until we meet again, we love you.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

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Committal

Viewing

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Final Disposition

*Oxford Hills Crematory
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*We thought of you with love
today but that is nothing new.
We thought about you
yesterday
and days before that too, we
think of you in
silence we often speak your
name. All we have
are memories and your
picture in a frame.*

*Your memory is our keepsake with which I'll
never part, God has you in His keeping and we
have you in our hearts.*

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not
to be. So He put His arms around you, and
whispered, "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we
watched you, we watched you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly, we could not
make you stay. A golden heart stopped
beating, hard working hands now rest. God
broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes
the best.*

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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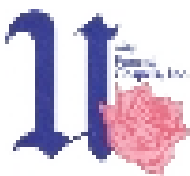
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