## Celebrating the Life of

# George Mathis



**Alpha** November 3, 1951

Omega January 8, 2018

**Service** Thursday, January 18, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.

#### ST. AUGUSTINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

838 E. 165 Street Bronx, New York Officiating; Reverend Dr. J.G. McCann Organist; Prof. Tyrone Patrick

## Order of Service

Organ PreludeProf. Tyrone Patrick
Processional
Musical Selection"May the Work I've Done Speak for Me"
ScriptureMinister Harriet Mathis-Clary Old Testament
Prayer of ComfortReverend Dr. J.G. McCann
Selection"Even Me"
Reflection Poem/ Tribute
Acknowledgements
Obituary
Selection"Pass Me Not O' Gentile Savior"
EulogyReverend Dr. J.G. McCann
Benediction

**Interment** 

Recessional

Rosedale Cemetery Linden, New Jersey

### Reflections of Life

George Mathis was born November 3, 1951 in Harlem, New York to the late Warren, Sr. & Hattie Mae Mathis. George attended schools in the Bronx. After graduating from Roosevelt High School, he attended Baruch College. This did not stop his fascination for learning. George also attended Culinary School because of his love for cooking. After turning to God for guidance, George attended bible classes at Greater Refuge Temple where he received a degree in Hermeneutics and Exegetical Theology. He graduated at the top of his class.

George was known for his ministerial leadership at Funeral Services for many families and friends known from his childhood.. George will be remembered for the unselfish love he exemplified to others, his big smile and his sweet spirit.

George Mathis' many years of employment included non-profit assignments in both New York City and the Washington DC area. At Create Inc., he coordinated transitional opportunities for adults in need of various medical and work life services and helped many adults find housing, employment and obtain quality medical treatment otherwise unattainable. George worked for the Salvation Army where he provided direct care to our most sensitive and critical populations; the mentally ill and those with intellectual, emotional and physical disabilities. In earlier times, he also worked for the infamous Mother Hale at Hale House in Harlem. Hale House was an organization that opened their doors to children who were sometimes abandoned by their mothers.

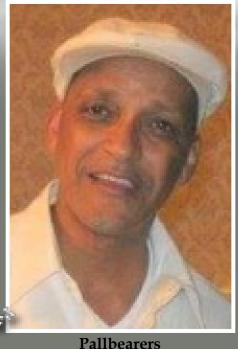
As a professional counselor and fervent evangelical, he worked tirelessly to help house the homeless and provide resources for the jobless. He gave dignity to the forgotten and mentally challenged. George Mathis was a true believer in our Lord Jesus Christ who passionately shared the gospel and led countless others to salvation. Through his many years of selfless service and public ministry, scores of lives were restored and impacted. Undoubtedly, George is one of the many unsung heroes of our community.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a loving and caring wife, Linda Mathis, his children Tushara, Shameen (Terence), Joshua, George Jr., Paris, Shavonte, and Jared; ten grandchildren, five sisters, Carol Mathis-Farrulla, Margrette Mathis Matthews, Harriet Mathis (Dennis) Clary, Mamie Mathis, and Yvonne Mathis (both preceded him in death), three brothers, Robert, Clarence & Warren (preceded him in death); nieces, nephews, and a host of cousins and friends. One Aunt, Annie Jo Wesby, Waynesboro, GA, three Uncles, Hugh Sullivan, FL. Roy Sullivan, Waynesboro, GA, and Enoch Mathis Savannah, GA. Brothers-in-law, Sam Cooper & Harrison Cooper, sisters-in-law, Louise Sneed & Anna Quainoo.

To know Georgie was to love him. He is and always will be "the smartest, the coolest, the toughest and the funniest" man I'll ever know.

May he finally Rest in Peace.....love you!

Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls, the most massive characters are seared with scars. Kahlil Gibran



#### **Pallbearers**

Sam Cooper Sidney Blum Calvin Thomas Reggie Dennis Robert Saul James Dennis

#### Acknowledgement

The family of would like to Thank everyone for all acts of kindness given to them during this time of sorrow.

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