

A portrait of Philip Leroy Strayhorn, a Black man with a goatee, wearing a black beanie and a white collared shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a composite image featuring a blue sky with white clouds, a rainbow, and a decorative wrought-iron fence. The text is overlaid on the top portion of the image.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PHILIP LEROY STRAYHORN**

***SUNRISE: JULY 28, 1967
SUNSET: JANUARY 16, 2018***

Service

Friday, January 26, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

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OBITUARY

Philip Leroy Strayhorn was born in Harlem Hospital on July 28, 1967. Philip was preceded in death by his parents, Barbara Lawrence and Alton Strayhorn. He was raised in Harlem by his great-aunt, Elizabeth Barrett (Betty) who also preceded him in death.

Phil was a laid back, cool, loving, and intelligent guy. He attended John Jay College and worked for New York State in the Office of Criminal Justice. Phil was known for his natural intellect, being both book and street smart. While he was quiet in his demeanor, he was a force to be reckoned with. Phil was always involved in the lives of his family and friends. Being a devoted family man, Phil shared his life with his long loving companion, Renee Jones. His family meant the world to him. If you knew Phil, you know he loved to walk. You could see him walking with one of his daughters on any given day.

Phil's comedic personality and unique smile will always be missed.

Phil leaves to mourn: his lifelong companion, Renee Jones; his daughters, Octavia, Monet, Kaela, and Kyra; two grandchildren, Taegan and Tristen; four sisters, Crystal, Belinda (her husband, Nathaniel), Kellianne, and Annette McNear; his aunt, Sarah; nieces, Katrina, Nikkya, Jerae, Natasha, and Amber; two nephews, Donald and Craig; and his best friend, Tyrone (Terry) Brice, who was at his side from the beginning to the end. Phil had a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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FINAL DISPOSITION

Oxford Hills Crematory

Chester, New York

AS I SIT IN HEAVEN

As I sit in heaven
And watch you everyday
I try to let you know with signs
I never went away
I hear when you are laughing
And watch you as you sleep
I even place my arms around you
To calm you as you sleep
I even place my arms around you
To calm you as you weep
I see you wish the days away
Begging to have me home
So I try to send you signs
So you know you are not alone
Don't feel guilty that you have
Life that was denied to me
Heaven is truly beautiful
Just you wait and see
So live your life, laugh again
Enjoy yourself, be free
Then I know with every breath you take
You'll be sharing one for me... SHARE

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