

Celebrating the Life of



Walter E. Parham, Jr.

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Sunset: February 4, 2022

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Obituary

Walter Eugene Parham, Jr. was an exceptional man. He was a man that carried his pride, dignity, and strength in creating the best life he only knew for himself. Walter was about family no matter the struggles. He was born and raised in the South Bronx on 143rd Street to parents, Gwendolyn Boynton-Parham and Walter Parham, Sr.

Walter also known to many as “Boopie”, lived a long life. He started working at a very young age to help his mother provide and care for their home which he shared with his older sister, Lynette Singleton. Boopie would then go on to become the “Man” of the house, where he would later create a life of his own with his “Forever Love” the late April Lorraine White-Parham who transitioned to be with the Lord four years ago. Their love was unmatched. Boopie and April had been together for more than 40 years since the tender age of 13. They literally drove their siblings and cousins crazy in dealing with one another. The two would always travel back and forth from Harlem to the Bronx and dragged family members with them that knew about their love. Boopie was a handful, but he had a tribe full of cousins that would always have his back and forever they rolled out with him. Especially, his first cousin and best friend, Dave. Cousin Dave would know all the stories relating to his partner in crime.

Boopie was definitely one of a kind. He was funny, he was strong, he was masculine, protecting, and he had a funny way of showing that he really cared. Boopie was a man that took pride in not showing too much emotion, but when he loved, he really loved hard and you would know and feel it. For his love was forever and because of love he just could not live or do without. Walter Eugene Parham, Jr. known as Boopie has now transitioned to a much better place where his love would last for eternally.

He is survived by his nine children who he loved very passionately starting with his oldest, Tyneisha Green-Baldwin, his forever son, Naheem White, his headache, Sharice White, of course his baby, Shamika White, his pain in the butt, Omar Parham, his proud and accomplished son, Ahmad Bradley, his big man, Lamar White, his forever superstar, Passion White, and lastly, his babygirl, Precious White. Boopie had seventeen grandchildren; one great-grand; five nieces; three nephews, an aunt; and a host of cousins and friends that loved him dearly. Though Boopie was surrounded by all this love, he too was literally a baby himself. He was repeatedly spoiled by his two oldest siblings, Lynette Singleton and Dora (Lavell) Boynton who loved him dearly and would have given him the world. Boopie also had two younger siblings, Nicole and Brian Parham that simply adored their older brother, yet distance would not ever dare to keep them apart. Boopie treasured his family and through April they had adopted the community who had come to love and be apart of their family circle.

Walter is resting now and he is now living in peace with those who have passed on before him. There is so much joy in knowing that the love Boopie shared was real and forever genuine. May God continue to strengthen his children and family in hopes to guide them in finding peace. For Boopie is enjoying laughter because all his love has brought him to the gates of heaven where we all should some day meet.

Forever and Ever, Love Always

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

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!

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