Celebrating the Life of



Samuel Lee Whitfield Sunrise: July 10, 1956 - Sunset: February 21, 2022

Saturday, March 5, 2022 - 5 PM

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<u>Obituary</u>

Sam was born on July 10, 1956 in New York to the late proud parents of Sidney and Johnnie Mae Whitfield.

While in high school, Sam was chosen among the few to go to Europe as an exchange student. He spent more time in Russia where he studied and lived. After returning from the country of Russia, Sam graduated from the high school in Bronx, NY. He attended Hobart and Williams Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Theology. A few years later, he attended Touro College in New York City and received a Master's Degree in Special Education.

Sam entered the workplace with the Board of Education as a Special Education Teacher for many years in Junior High School 117 in New York. He became a Dean of Special Education in Middle School 131 in New York City.

A few years later, he worked at Sheltering Arms in Bronx, New York as a Counselor.

Sam met the love of his life, Willena in 1980 and they were married in 1982 in New York City. Together they had a daughter name Russia.

Sam was preceded in by his parents Sidney and Johnnie Mae Whitfield. Sisters: Ola and Celia Mae. Brothers: Sidney, Donnell and Linwood.

Samuel is survived by his wife Willena. Two daughters: Imani and Russia. Grandson Marcelino. Nephews and Nieces, Great-nephews and nieces, great-great- niece. Five sisters and two brothers. One uncle, Lorenzo. Three sister-in-laws Linda, Lydia and Cynthia. One brother-in-law Jawann. Also, survived by a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION:

Oxford Hills Crematory Chester, New York

Remember Our Love

I was chosen today I'm learning to fly the world took me away but please don't cry. And I chose you today to try and be strong so please don't you cry and don't say that I'm gone. When you're feeling alone just remember our love I'm up near the stars looking down from above. Remember our love in a moment you'll see that I'm still here beside you When you're thinking of me. ~ Julie Epp ~

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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