

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Raymond Evans*

**Sunrise**  
**October 20, 1959**

**Sunset**  
**March 13, 2022**

**Service:**  
**Saturday, March 19, 2022 - 3:00 pm**

**MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

# *Obituary*

**Raymond Evans** was born to the late parents of Raymond and Dolores Evans on October 20, 1959, in Harlem Hospital, New York. He entered eternal peace on March 13, 2022 at the age of 62.

Raymond attended Julia Richmond High School and later received his High School Equivalency Diploma. He worked for New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, as a Hospital Police Officer, for several years until he became disabled and retired. Raymond was politically active in the Bronx helping to address numerous social issues in under-served communities. He enthusiastically worked as a volunteer for former City Councilman Andy King of the Bronx and other local representatives.

Raymond met the love of his life, Susan, in 1989. They were married April 4, 1994 and were happily married for 28 years. They enjoyed attending family events, demonstrating their support at political events and traveling.

His interests and hobbies were listening to old-school music, watching and critiquing movies and watching sports -- particularly basketball.

Raymond was extremely family oriented and a vocal advocate of family unity. He came from a huge family and he enjoyed spending time with them. His infectious smile and charisma would light up a room. He loved talking about history, Pan-African issues, politics and world events.

Raymond is survived by his loving wife Susan Williams Evans, brothers: Mark (Gabriella) Evans and Raymond Thompson, his Uncle Mitchell (Channell) Brathwaite, his aunts: Margaret Garland, Muslima (John) McNeill, Florence (David-deceased) Turner, Deborah (David-deceased) Brathwaite-Montoya and Patricia Bolds, his sister-in-law Karen (Lorenzo) Thompson, his nieces: Fantasia Evans and Tiffany V. Babb, Candace Thompson and Ashley Thompson, his nephews: Markees Evans, Sebastian Evans and Christopher Evans, Brandan Robinson, TJ Robinson and Jeffrey Thompson, and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. He loved them all dearly.

# Order of Service

Officiant.....Reverend Gary Fuller Sr.  
*Pastor of St. Paul AME Zion Church, Ellenville, New York*

Processional

Hymn Of Comfort..... “It is Well with My Soul”

Prayer Of Comfort

Scripture Reading

New Testament: Thessalonians 4:14-17.....Nannette Davis

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-31.....Jim Lockhart

Musical Selection

Acknowledgment of Cards & Condolences

Obituary.....Channell Brathwaite-Holiday

Reflections.....Precious memories from Family and Friends  
(3 minutes, please)

Poem: When I Must Leave You..... Annette Bryant Lockhart

Musical Selection..... “We Fall Down” Donnie McClurkin

Words Of Comfort.....Rev. Gary Fuller Sr.

Committal .....Rev. Gary Fuller Sr.

Benediction..... Rev. Gary Fuller Sr.

Recessional

## **Interment**

*Monday, March 19, 2022*

Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale, New York

# *When I Must Leave You*

*Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in. Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win. Please don't say how good I was, but I did my best. Just say that I tried to do what's right - to give the most I could, not do less.*

*Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do. I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due. Please don't give flowers, or talk in hushed tones. Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God; I've made my home.*

*Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done. Just see to all my family's needs, the battle has been won. When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a Saint. I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paint - not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark. In fact, don't put me down on canvass, paint me in your heart.*

*Don't just remember good times, but remember all the bad. For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad. But if you must do something, then I have one last request - forgive for the wrongs I've done, and with the love that's left, thank God for my soul's resting, thank God for I've been blessed. Thank God for all who loved me, praise God who loved me best.*

*-Unknown author*

## *Acknowledgments*

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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