

Celebrating the Life of



Marvin Crawford

SUNRISE: August 13, 1942
SUNSET: April 14, 2022

Saturday, April 23, 2022 - 9:00am

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”- Ecclesiastes 3:1

A Time to be Born:

Marvin Crawford was born on August 13, 1942, to Emma and Willie Frank Brown. He was born in Dawson, Georgia. His family moved to New York and Marvin grew up primarily in the areas of upper Central Harlem and Washington Heights. He attended IS 164, the Edward W. Stitt Junior High School.

A Time to Plant:

Marvin Crawford was always a friendly, active, and loving person. He lived in the Washington Heights community of New York for more than 50 years. He worked as a Doorman and Security Guard at New York University for many years. Marvin believed in God’s power and would spend his time worshipping at Greater Bethel AME Church.

A Time to Love:

Marvin Crawford was married to Ethel Crawford for more than 50 years. He was the father to two daughters and loved his grandson tremendously. He enjoyed spending holidays with his family. Marvin enjoyed fishing and playing cards—all while engaging in “trash talk” or smack to anyone who would engage him in such.

A Time to Die:

Marvin Crawford died in his home on April 14, 2022. He leaves to mourn his daughters, Stacy Crawford and Sherri Crawford; his grandson, Nicholas Crawford; his beloved brother, Johnny Brown; his dear friend, Claudette Horry; and a whole host of other relatives, friends, and neighbors. He will surely be missed but not forgotten.

Order of Service

- The Processional..... “I am the Resurrection”..... Clergy & Family
- Hymn of Comfort..... “Blessed Assurance”
- The Prayer of Consolation.....Rev. Michelle Chang, Pastor
Greater Bethel AME Church
- Old Testament: Psalm 121
- New Testament: John 14:1-6
- Solo..... Tanyayette Willoughby
- Moments of Reflection (5 Minutes)..Ronald Prioleau, Class Leader
Jerry Barbour, Deacon, Abyssinian Baptist Church
- Reading of the Obituary.....Stacy Crawford
- The Official Board Resolution.....Felicia Holcomb
- Selection.....Tanyayette Willoughby
- The Eulogy..... Rev. Ella Brandon, Former Pastor
Greater Bethel AME Church
- The Song of Commitment..... “Take Me To The King”
- The Benediction and the RecessionalRev. Ella Brandon
- The Committal at Gravesite

INTERMENT:
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

REPAST
Amy Ruth’s Restaurant
113 West 116th Street
Harlem, NY 10026
212-280-8779

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.
-Author unknown

Special Request

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in honor of Marvin Crawford's loving spirit to one or more of the following charities: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the American Heart Association, or the American Cancer Association. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Crawford Family and Friends of Marvin Crawford wish to extend their sincere thanks and gratitude for all the expressions of care and sympathy shown during our hours of loss and sorrow. May God continue to Bless and keep you in His care now and forevermore.

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