

*In Loving Memory of
Donald Edward Beale
a/k/a Qem Hi Bak Mer*



SUNRISE: July 16, 1948
SUNSET: June 24, 2023

Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Viewing: 9:00am – 10:00am
Service: 10:00am

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Order of Service

Processional.....Musicians
Welcome.....Reverend Nafisa
Lift Every Voice And Sing.....Atiba Kwabena
Reading of The Obituary.....Osakwe Beale
Reading of Letters
Reflections of Life.....Aquah Tcherbu Beale
Reflections & Expressions..... Family & Friends
Acknowledgments/Final Farewell.....Reverend Nafisa
Recessional..... Musicians

***Musicians: Atiba Kwabena, Choqui Cantlo, Chukwudi Herbert,
Iyedun Ince, Mwata Nubian and Kojo Ayinde Johnson***

***Burial will take place immediately after the funeral service at the
Woodlawn Cemetery 4199 Webster Ave., Bronx, NY 10470.***

***The Celebration of Life will take place at Towers on the Park,
300 W. 110th Street, NY, NY 10026, Community Room
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.***

Obituary

Donald Edward Beale, a/k/a Qem Hi Bak Mer, was born to David and Dorothy (Tucker) Beale on July 16, 1948. He joined the ancestors on June 24, 2023 at 4:15AM.

Born in Queens, New York, Donald moved with his family to the Bronx (Lester Patterson Houses) at the age of four and became a life long Bronx resident. He graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School, Class of 1966. He attended New York Institute of Technology and St. Lawrence University but was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1969 during the Vietnam Conflict. He served in the Army's Air Force in Thailand.

After his military service Donald worked at several jobs including: New York City Off Track Betting, The Law Office of Charlene Charles and The Theater Development Fund.

Donald was preceded to the ancestral realm by his parents, David Beale and Dorothy (Tucker) Beale. He leaves to mourn his passing, his brother, Aquah Tcherbu; his sister-in-law, Aamashep Neqhi; his niece, Selena; his nephew, Osakwe and wife, Alana; his goddaughters, Dani and Christina; as well as a multitude of cousins.

Reflections of Life

Donald a/k/a Qem Hi Bak Mer was born with a thirst for knowledge. When his parents brought him and his brother a set of World Book Encyclopedias as reference books for school projects, Qem Hi Bak Mer read the entire set. Due to his uncanny ability to recall much of what he read, he became known in his family as the Minister of Information.

Qem Hi Bak Mer also had a very inquisitive mind and wanted to know how things worked. No radio, electronic toy nor household appliance was off limits to his quest to figure out what made it tick (even when the consequence of finding out was detrimental to his behind.)

Qem Hi Bak Mer was also ambidextrous and used that skill to outwit his opponents in many of his athletic pursuits.

Qem Hi Bak Mer sincerely cared for his niece, nephew and his godchildren.

Along with the above mentioned qualities, Qem Hi Bak Mer felt the calling of a Higher force within himself. He pursued a spiritual path of self discovery by joining and becoming a dedicated member of many spiritual organizations, including the Ausar Auset Society, Devya & Associates, The Noble Touch, The Ananda Abinou Group and A Center for World Religions.

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!

-author unknown

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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