



Celebrating the Life of
Michael James Hayward

Sunrise
January 20, 1960

Sunset
October 10, 2023

Friday, October 20, 2023 • 2pm - 5pm

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Obituary

Michael James Hayward, a lifelong resident of Brooklyn was born on January 20th, 1960, to the late James and Cynthia Hayward. He was the first-born son of four children.

Michael accepted Christ at a young age joining Holy Rosary Catholic in Brownsville where he became an altar boy during mass. He also attended Holy Rosary Catholic School in Bedford Stuyvesant and Wingate H.S.

Michael worked as a press machine operator for several dry cleaners for over 30 years taking a break to join the United States Army and received an honorable discharge. He also was an entrepreneur selling a host of items during many parades along 5th Ave, Times Square as well as West 4th St.

He enjoyed life to the fullest, loved his family and friends. He enjoyed music, dancing, and sports (Knicks, Giants, Mets and Yankees). He also enjoyed playing basketball in middle school and high school. Before there was GPS you give him the address and he'll get there whether it was via train, bus, ferry or his own two feet he'd be there.

He also had some deficits, hearing loss to his left ear, due to the mumps as a child, but that never slowed him down or stopped him, you wouldn't have known unless he told you.

Michael had swag with his style, always sharply dressed from head to toe. Whether it was a sweat suit, sports attire with matching sneakers or a suit. Due to his style of dressing he would look at his sister (April) and ask why you always wear black?! He would also sit and observe her before guests arrive while cooking, cleaning, decorating, and say, when are you going to sit down.! He was called home to rest on October 10th, 2023 and will always be missed.

Michael Hollywood Hayward had many sayings such as:

- * What The LL Cool J is going on
- * Who's Your favorite Uncle and the Kids Would Reply Uncle Michael
- * You Have Once Again Ruined My Concentration
- * Been There, Swam that, Jumped it And Did it
- * I'm Not Coming Here Anymore!
- * And Lastly: Stick A Fork in Me I'm Done

Michael Hayward leaves behind his five children, (the late Danny Parker), Reggie Parker, Michael Ayers, Kendall Ayers, and his only baby girl, Jala Hayward. He was married to the late Linda Hayward and had three sisters, April Hayward of Englewood, NJ, Ebonae Johnson of Newark, NJ, and Noretta Hayward of Paterson, NJ; nine grandchildren, Jamari, Jamiyah, Trenton, Danny, Akleelah, Messiah, Tarain, and Gevante; his uncles, Woodrow Hayward II and Leonard Harper of NC; cousins, Woodrow Hayward III, Leonard Harper of Harlem, NY, Monique Hayward of Newark, NJ, and Octavia Hayward of Brooklyn, NY; brother-in-law, Thomas Boykin of Paterson, NJ; daughter-in-law, Sharay Paige of Brooklyn, NY; as well as a host of nieces, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Recessional

AS I SIT IN HEAVEN

As I sit in Heaven
And watch you everyday,
I try to let you know with signs
I never went away.
I hear you when you're laughing,
and watch you as you sleep.
I even place my arms around you
to calm you as you weep.
I see you wish the days away,
begging to have me home.
So I try to send you signs
so you know you are not alone.
Don't feel guilty that you have
life that was denied to me.
Heaven is truly beautiful,
just you wait and see.
So live your life, laugh again,
enjoy yourself, be free!
Then I know with every breath you take
you'll be taking one for me.

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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