

#### Revelation 21:4

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#### Acknowledgments

The family of Bernard Eric Hewitt would like to express our deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation to everyone for their kindness during this most difficult time.

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# A Celebration of Life



# Bernard Eric Hewitt

August 8, 1995 - December 14, 2024

### Service

Friday, January 3, 2025 • 11:00 A.M.

#### BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME

630 St. Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030
ELDER JAY A. GOODING, SR, Officiating
MR. ALSON FARLEY, Minister of Music

Interment
KENSICO CEMETERY
Valhalla, NY

# Order of Service

Prelude
Invocation Elder Jay A. Gooding, Sr.
SELECTION
Prayer of Comfort Elder Jay A. Gooding, Sr.
SCRIPTURE READINGS
OLD TESTAMENT
Tina Maloney Gracie
New Testament
Nadine Rice
SELECTION "HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW"
Mr. Alson Farley
REFLECTIONS FAMILY & FRIENDS
(2 Minutes Please)
OBITUARY
SELECTION
EULOGY ELDER JAY A. GOODING, Sr.
HYMN"It Is Well With My Soul"
Mr. Alson Farley
COMMITTAL/BENEDICTION
Final Viewing
RECESSIONAL

## *Obituary*

We gather here today to celebrate the life of Bernard Eric Hewitt, Son of Andrea Johnson and the late Garfield Bernard. Bernard was a man whose light brightened the lives of everyone who knew him. Bernard was born on August 8, 1995, in Manhattan, at New York Presbyterian Hospital. the vibrant heart of the city, attending Public School 28, I.S. 164, and Brandeis High School in Manhattan. Bernard's dedication to learning led him to Bronx Community College, where he earned a degree in Business Administration and Social Work.

Known for his vibrant personality and unwavering positivity, Bernard pursued a career in the hospitality industry, where he worked as a bartender and server at the Hilton Hotel. His warmth and charisma made him beloved by colleagues and clients alike. Bernard's compassion extended far beyond his professional life—he dedicated his free time to nonprofit work with youth in low-income communities and volunteered at voting polls during elections, embodying a deep commitment to service and giving back.

Though Harlem remained his home for much of his life, Bernard ventured to Atlanta, Georgia, in 2020 to embrace a new chapter. Despite the distance, he stayed deeply connected to his family and friends, commuting often to celebrate holidays and birthdays. Bernard's love for travel was unparalleled; his journeys took him across the globe to destinations like Dubai, Cuba, Jamaica, Russia, England, and Puerto Rico, where he embraced diverse cultures and experiences with an open heart.

One of Bernard's defining traits was his infectious smile, which could light up a room. He cherished his family above all, especially his beloved mother, Andrea Johnson. Bernard's love and care extended to all those around him, forming bonds that would last a lifetime.

He is survived by his mother, Andrea Johnson; his stepfather, Robert Johnson; his brother, Andre Armstrong; his stepbrother, Daniel Johnson; his grandparents, Stanley and Sonia Maloney; his aunts, Tina Maloney-Gracie and Minis Hewitt; his uncles, Everton Hewitt, Rohan Baker, and Mark Gracie; his godmother, Carla Myers-Joe; his nephews, Andre Armstrong Jr. and Ace Armstrong; his cousins; and a host of cherished friends.

As we remember Bernard, let us take solace in the promise of Revelation 21:4: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

Bernard's life was a testament to love, kindness, and the joy of human connection. Though he has departed from this world, his legacy lives on in the countless hearts he touched. Rest in peace, Bernard Eric Hewitt—you will forever be missed and forever be loved.