

Jesus Calling

Leave outcomes up to Me. Follow Me wherever I lead, without worrying about how it will all turn out. Think of your life as an adventure, with Me as your Guide and Companion. Live in the now, concentrating on staying in step with Me. When our path leads to a cliff, be willing to climb it with My help. When we come to a resting place, take time to be refreshed in My Presence. Enjoy the rhythm of life lived close to Me.

You already know the ultimate destination of your journey: your entrance into heaven. So keep your focus on the path just before you, leaving outcomes up to Me.

by Sarah Young

Psalm 27:13-14 ESV

*13 I believe that I shall look upon the
goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
14 Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!*

Exodus 15:13 ESV

*"You have led in your steadfast love the
people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to
your holy abode.*

In Appreciation

The family thanks all of you for coming and for sharing. We sincerely appreciate the prayers and other expressions of sympathy extended to us in the loss of our loved one. We shall always remember with grateful appreciation all that you have done to help us through this most difficult time.

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Celebrating the Life of



Daniel Atherton, Sr.

SUNRISE: JUNE 26, 1957 - SUNSET: NOVEMBER 25, 2021

Funeral Service

Sunday, December 5, 2021 • 3:30 P.M.

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.

630 Saint Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030

DR. RODNEY B. FRAZIER, SR., D. MIN., *Officiating*

Interment

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Butler, New Jersey

Order of Service

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NEW TESTAMENT

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OBITUARYRAYMOND BRYANT

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Obituary

DANIEL ATHERTON SR. affectionately known as the “Slammin’ Drummer” born June 26, 1957 in Harlem, New York. Danny is preceded in death by his mother Gloria Atherton, grandmother Frances Daniels (Mom), Grandfather Leopold Atherton, his sisters Sandra (Sissy) and Cynthia (Tina) Atherton.

Danny attended Public School 80 and I.S. 88 Wadleigh J.H.S. both in Harlem and Louis D. Brandeis High School. His passion for drums began at a very early age playing on his grandmothers’ pots and pans. He was then purchased his first drum set by his beloved Uncle Harold.

Being born in Harlem was his claim to fame; he would always say Harlem World forever! Harlem was his everything coming up during the late 50’s, 60’s and 70’s!

Danny’s passion for entertainment also began at a very early age. Anytime there was a conversation about who graced the stage of the Apollo Theatre on 125th Street he would easily talk at length about having seen just about every act that had been performed there. At any given time, you could find Danny in front of the Apollo on 125th or on 126th street backstage where the performers entered the theatre. Danny himself began performing in his early teens.

In the beginning Danny was part many bands but got his real start playing in a band called “Jamilah” and “Total Klimax” where Teddy Riley was noted. The bands played local bars and clubs in Harlem before moving downtown to play at clubs like The Cellar.

Danny’s music career was everything to him. Danny played drums for the group Kinky Foxx with Johnny Kemp, out of Montreal Canada and more notably Levert, New Edition, Bobby Brown and Jodeci -- just to name a few, but his most beloved gig that catapulted his career was with Atlantic Starr. His love and loyalty for Atlantic Starr was immeasurable.

Playing with Atlantic Starr was Danny’s claim to fame. The group afforded him tours all around the world, participation in the infamous Budweiser Superfests and so many other notable events. It also afforded him the opportunity to meet and play for many artists.

Playing drums was his gift and he used that gift from God, and if you knew Danny you knew his drums was his life. He will always be remembered for his larger-than-life, jovial character, his distinct voice and hearty laugh as he always told stories that would make you laugh until you cried. He was also a movie and trivia buff and thoroughly enjoyed discussing “fun facts” and historical events.

A world-traveler, Danny always had big dreams and was planning a trip in December to Ghana, West Africa as recent as August, he said it was the one place he wanted to spend some time.

A few years after relocating to the Atlanta, GA Danny’s health began to decline. Due to his many health challenges when he could no longer tour, but he never let that get in his way. He continued to promote concerts, record tutorial YouTube videos--always keeping the music playing.

Danny was truly in his element when on his drums performing or just playing leisurely. Until his untimely death, Danny continued to play drums for Shady Grove Baptist Church in Conyers, Georgia under the leadership of Pastor J. Phillip Baker, and worked security detail at a Metro Atlanta movie studio.

Danny’s life was truly a testament to ambition, tenacity, living with no regrets and coming to the setting sun not having to hate himself for the things he had not done. He loved God, and wasn’t ashamed to tell any and everyone all day, everyday. His last words texted to his daughter were “God is so Amazingly Amazing!”

Danny will be greatly missed by all who truly knew and loved him.

Danny leaves to mourn and cherish his memory:
Harold Atherton (uncle), Children: Danielle Atherton-Bonner (Albert), Daniel Atherton Jr. (Melissa), Dana Patterson, Daneen Atherton, Shanna Garner-Kennedy, 11 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his lifelong friend and mother of his first two children, Renee Lovett.

