

Come to Me

*God saw that you were tired
and a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come to Me".
With tearful eyes we watched you,
and saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stops beating,
your hard-working hands put to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He always takes the best.*

*Prayerfully submitted,
The Family*



Acknowledgement

The family of **DONALD M. PARRIS** wish to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all the acts of kindness shown during their time of bereavement.

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A Celebration of Life for



Donald Montgomery Parris

SUNRISE: APRIL 5, 1940 - SUNSET: JUNE 16, 2020



Funeral Service

Tuesday, June 30, 2020 • 11:00 A.M.

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REVEREND DR. LOREN RUSSELL, Officiating

Interment

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Order of Service

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT ROMANS 8: 38-39

NEW TESTAMENT JOHN 14:1-6, 27

REFLECTIONS

OBITUARY

EULOGY

COMMITTAL/ BENEDICTION

FINAL VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

Obituary

On Tuesday, June 16th, 2020, **DONALD PARRIS**, loving husband and father of one daughter, passed away, surrounded by his family, at the age of 80.

Donald battled mightily his last few weeks, recovering at a rehab facility nearby, telling his family often, “I ran today.” Although that may have been a bit of a stretch, he certainly had defied the odds and a tiny embellishment kept his loved ones on their toes.

Donald was born on April 5th, 1940 in Harlem, New York City, to Aubrey and Mabel (Bonaparte) Parris. He attended Haarren High School in Manhattan. He enlisted in the Navy from 1961 and served honorably until 1966. He was proud to be a Vietnam Veteran and you could find him donning a hat with all the pins and markings to represent his noble service. On February 19th, 1965 he married Rosa Rhodes and raised one daughter, Jeunesse Parris (Wright). After High School he worked over 10 years for USPS performing various job duties. He retired from the MTA after 21 years of service as a bus operator. He was known to be easy-going, fun, and social, never meeting a stranger.

Donald was a “techy” before the cliché existed. He could have made millions in Silicon Valley but instead he tinkered with his computers at home while sending his grandchildren gently used gadgets just because he had to make sure they worked perfectly and had every downloaded program “all ready to go.” He loved model trains, planes, and cars. He built them all and was skilled with his hands to repair almost anything. He had a great sense of humor, quick wit, and a kind and compassionate spirit.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; Mabel and Aubrey Parris. He is survived by his wife Rosa, his daughter Jeunesse, his grandchildren; Jazmine, Parris, and Dallis, Sisters-in-law; Emma and Orlean, nephew Samory “Tash” and a host of family and friends.
