

*When tomorrow starts without me  
And I'm not here to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,  
Filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry,  
The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things  
We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you.  
And each time you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here in your heart.*

### *Acknowledgements*

The family of Elvin Waltimeore James sincerely expresses their appreciation for all acts of kindness, love and prayers during this time of bereavement.

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## *A Celebration of Life*



## *Elvin Waltimeore James*

SUNRISE: AUGUST 31, 1937 - SUNSET: JUNE 25, 2020

### *Funeral Service*

Saturday July 11, 2020 • 11:00 A.M.

**BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME**  
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**REV. J. LOREN RUSSELL**, *Officiating*  
**MIN. KEVIN WADE**, *Musician*

### *Dissolution*

**FERNCLIFF CREMATORY**  
Hartsdale, New York

# Order of Service

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**INVOCATION** ..... REV. J. LOREN RUSSELL

**SELECTION** ..... MIN. KEVIN WADE

**SCRIPTURE** ..... CHERYL PETERSEN  
OLD TESTAMENT ..... PSALMS 23  
NEW TESTAMENT ..... JOHN 14:1-6

**PRAYER** ..... REV. J. LOREN RUSSELL

**SELECTION** ..... MIN. KEVIN WADE

**REFLECTIONS** ..... FAMILY & FRIENDS  
( 2 MINUTES PLEASE )

**OBITUARY** ..... ANGEL VARGAS

**SELECTION** ..... MIN. KEVIN WADE

**EULOGY** ..... REV. J. LOREN RUSSELL

**COMMITTAL** ..... REV. J. LOREN RUSSELL

**BENEDICTION** ..... REV. J. LOREN RUSSELL

**FINAL VIEWING** ..... FUNERAL DIRECTOR

# Obituary

**ELVIN WALTIMORE JAMES** on August 31, 1937 to the late Celestine and Waltimore James in New York City and departed this life on June 25, 2020 at the Mary Manning Walsh Nursing Home after a brief stay. Elvin was one of eleven children, eight boys and three girls. He attended and was educated in the New York public school system.

Upon graduation, Elvin worked for many years as a longshoreman. He was blessed to have found love twice in his lifetime, with Marion and later he found love again which resulted in his second marriage to Suzie. Both of whom predeceased him. Elvin enjoyed sports. He was a shortstop for the neighborhood baseball team “The Cosmos”. He was well regarded in that role. He followed the New York Knicks for basketball and for baseball he was a Mets fan, a trait that he inherited from his parents who were both avid Mets Fans. He was a lover of jazz music and enjoyed listening to the music of the late Nat King Cole and Dizzy Gillespie, to name a few. Elvin would spend his time watching and enjoying the old westerns. Elvin was a sharp dresser and was the GQ model of his time.

On June 19, 2005 Elvin suffered a stroke which resulted in his confinement to a wheelchair. With the love and care of his devoted family he was able to maintain a positive attitude and lifestyle and never complained about his situation. Elvin enjoyed family gatherings and was blessed to have a legacy that saw his family multiply and grow. He was very excited to hear recently that two new great grandchildren were on the horizon and muttered an “oh wow “ when told.

Elvin leaves to mourn and cherish his memory his daughter, Judy James, his son Elvin James Jr., fourteen grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one great–great grandchild, three brothers Kenmore, Dennis, Willard, three sisters Delma, Nadine and Sandra; one aunt Laura Bryant and a host of nieces, nephews ,relatives and friends.

“Sleep on, take thy rest, we all loved you but God loved you best”

Lovingly submitted  
The Family