



In the Heart of Harlem, Where Love Takes Flight

In the heart of Harlem, where rhythms meet, lies a man whose love knew no defeat. Maynel B. Thompson, a soul of strength and grace, a love for his roots that none could erase.

From St. Croix's shores, where his story began, a land of beauty, kissed by the Caribbean's tan. He carried its spirit, its culture, its pride, a son of the islands, forever tied.

In the vibrant streets of Harlem, he found his home, a place where dreams soared, where souls could roam. Amidst the jazz melodies and vibrant art, his spirit danced, embracing every part.

Harlem's rhythm pulsed within his veins, inspiring him to rise above life's pains. He walked those streets with love and pride, a beacon of hope, standing tall beside.

Through the bustling crowds, he left his mark, a pillar of strength, even in the dark. In the churches of Harlem, his spirit thrived, United in faith, his soul felt alive.

But amidst the city's energy, he never forgot the sandy beaches of St. Croix, a cherished spot. The scent of the ocean, the warmth of the sun, reminded him of the paradise where life had begun.

His love for family knew no bounds, a bond unbreakable, forever profound. Through laughter and tears, joys and fears, He stood beside them, a rock through the years.

In the kitchen, his love came to life, cooking meals that eased all strife. A taste of his heritage, flavors divine, nurturing hearts, through each cherished dine.

His legacy lives on in every smile, in the stories shared that stretch a mile. The lessons taught, the values instilled, a tapestry of love, forever fulfilled.

So let us remember Maynel B. Thompson's name, a man of Harlem, St. Croix, and family's fame. His love echoes through each cherished part, forever engrained in our collective heart.

In the heart of Harlem, where love takes flight, may his spirit shine forever bright. A beacon of strength, a love that's true, may his legacy inspire, in all that we do.

Submitted by Harry Boykin Jr. (Grandson)

The family of Maynel B. Thompson wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.



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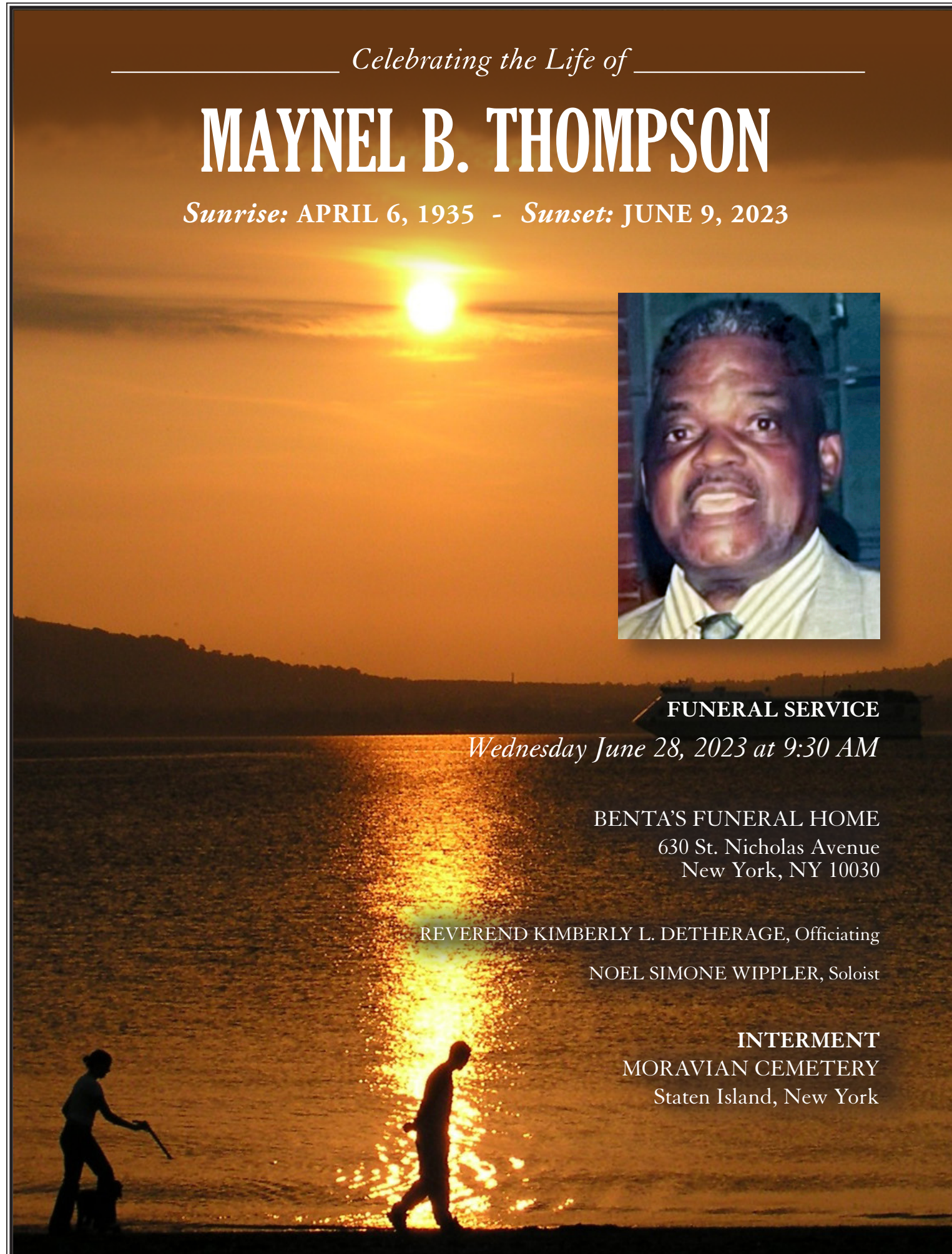
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Maynel B. Thompson, born on April 6, 1935, in Christiansted, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands, to Charles and Helen Thompson, was a remarkable individual whose life touched the hearts of many. He brought joy to his family, friends, and community throughout his journey, leaving a legacy that will forever be cherished.

From a young age, Maynel displayed exceptional athletic talent. He was an outstanding second baseman for the Crucian baseball team, captivating audiences with his skill and passion for the game. His love for sports extended to basketball, where he showcased his athleticism and competitive spirit. A loyal fan, Maynel cheered for the New York Yankees, reveling in their triumphs and displaying unwavering support.

Maynel's education took place at Christiansted High School (CHS), where he laid the foundation for a successful future. After completing his studies, he embarked on a new chapter in his life, moving to New York City to pursue his dreams. He made his home and resided in Harlem, NY.

For an impressive 42 years, Maynel dedicated his talents and work ethic to Bellevue Hospital, making a significant impact within the institution. Starting as a cook's helper, he displayed exceptional culinary skills and an unwavering commitment to his craft. Over the years, he ascended to the esteemed position of head chef, leaving an indelible mark on the hospital's culinary department. Maynel's culinary expertise was matched by his strong leadership, and he proudly served as a shop steward for Local 237 Teamsters Union, advocating for the rights and welfare of his fellow colleagues.

Maynel's love for cooking extended beyond his professional life. He delighted in preparing meals for his family and friends, sharing his culinary creations and bringing people together through the joy of food that he enrolled in Hostos Community College over the bridge from his home and took classes in the food, nutrition and wellness program to enhance his culinary skills.

An active member of the United Moravian Church in Harlem, New York City, Maynel found solace, community, and spiritual nourishment in his faith. He contributed his time and talents to various church activities, serving as a testament to his devotion. One of his favorite church hymns was "How Great Thou Art," a song that resonated deeply within his soul and reminded him of the magnificence of God's creation.

Outside of his church activities, Maynel had a love for music. Among his favorite songs was "My Girl" by the Temptations. This timeless classic held a special place in his heart and served as a reminder of cherished moments and the joy of love. Maynel found inspiration and solace in the Bible, and one of his favorite verses was Psalm 23. The words of this psalm provided him with comfort and guidance throughout his life, reminding him of the Lord's presence and provision in every season.

Maynel was a devoted husband to Alma Thompson, sharing over 60 years of love, support, and companionship. Their marriage was a source of strength and joy, a partnership built on love, understanding, and shared values.

Maynel will be remembered for his unwavering spirit, generosity, and dedication to his family, friends, church, and community. His legacy will forever be marked by the love and kindness he showered upon others. Maynel's vibrant presence, infectious laughter, and profound wisdom will be dearly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Maynel is survived by his loving children, Alexis (spouse: Greg) Arlene and Maynel A. Jr. (spouse: Gail) each of whom he loved deeply and nurtured with care and affection. His memory will also be cherished by his grandchildren, Harry Jr., Malcolm (spouse: Nafeeza), Maylana (spouse: Christopher Sr.), Maynel III, and Ery (pre-deceased).

In addition, Maynel leaves behind six great-grandchildren, Nyah, Kimora, Lauren, Ashadieyah, Yasir and Christopher Jr. (CJ). Their presence brought immense joy to his life, and he took great pride in watching them grow and flourish.

Maynel is survived by his two beloved siblings, Eleanor Thompson and Thyra Timothy. Their bond as siblings was a source of strength and support throughout their lives. As well as in-laws Arnold, Adell and Alva "Greggie".

Special Acknowledgement to Jerome Croskey and Santana two life long friends who were there for him until his demise. As well as Yvonne Harris Jones considered a "big sister" from another mother to Alexis, Arlene and Andy.

Though we mourn the loss of Maynel, we find solace in knowing that he now rests in eternal peace. May his loving soul forever shine upon us, guiding us with his cherished memories. Maynel B. Thompson will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

"How great thou art, O Lord, and how wonderful are your works!"
- Maynel B. Thompson



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INVOCATIONREV. KIMBERLY L. DETHERAGE

SELECTION "HOW GREAT THOU ART"
NOEL SIMONE WIPPLER

SCRIPTURE READING
OLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 23MAYLANA WHITAKER
(Granddaughter)

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8MALCOLM MURRAIN
(Grandson)

PRAYER OF COMFORTREV. KIMBERLY L. DETHERAGE

REFLECTIONS FAMILY AND FRIENDS
(Two Minutes Please)

OBITUARY HARRY BOYKIN JR.
(Grandson)

SELECTION "HOME"
NOEL SIMONE WIPPLER

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