

## From the Heart of the Howard Family

Our family circle has been broken, a link has gone from our chain; but though we are parted for a while, we know we will meet again.

Sometimes it's hard to understand why certain things must be, but there is a reason for it all, beyond our power to see.

The cover of life's book is closed for one we loved so well; but the loving deeds of by-gone days are what the pages tell.

The blow was hard, the shock severe; we never thought your death was so near; but only those who have lost can tell the pain of parting without farewell.



The family of Reginald Rodney Howard (*Hoss*) wishes to thank everyone for their expressions of love. Whether it was a thought, a smile, a kind word, a virtual hug, or a prayer, we appreciate you tremendously. May the love of God smile upon you and your family this day and forevermore.

## The Howard Men



Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:  
Benta's Funeral Home  
630 Saint Nicholas Avenue, New York, NY 10030

## In Loving Memory of Reginald Rodney Howard (*Hoss*)

**Sunrise:** October 30, 1952 - **Sunset:** December 28, 2020



## Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 3:00pm



Benta's Funeral Home  
630 Saint Nicholas Avenue  
New York, NY 10030

Rev. Dr. Robert L. DeVeaux Officiating  
Pastor, Humanity Baptist Church Newark, New Jersey

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude  
Final Viewing.....Clergy and Family  
Invocation.....Rev. Damien Howard  
Opening Hymn  
Scriptures.....Rev. Stanley Howard  
    Old Testament Reading.....Psalm 27  
    New Testament Reading.....Revelation 21:1-4  
Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Bernard Gantt  
Selection.....Alson Farley  
Acknowledgements of Cards & Condolences.....Deaconess Mia Gantt  
Remarks/Reflections (Limited to 2 minutes).....Friends and Family  
Reading of the Obituary.....Deaconess Mia Gantt  
Selection.....Alson Farley  
Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Robert L. DeVeaux  
                                Pastor Humanity BC Newark  
Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Robert L. DeVeaux.  
Recessional..... Rev. Dr. Robert L. DeVeaux

## Interment

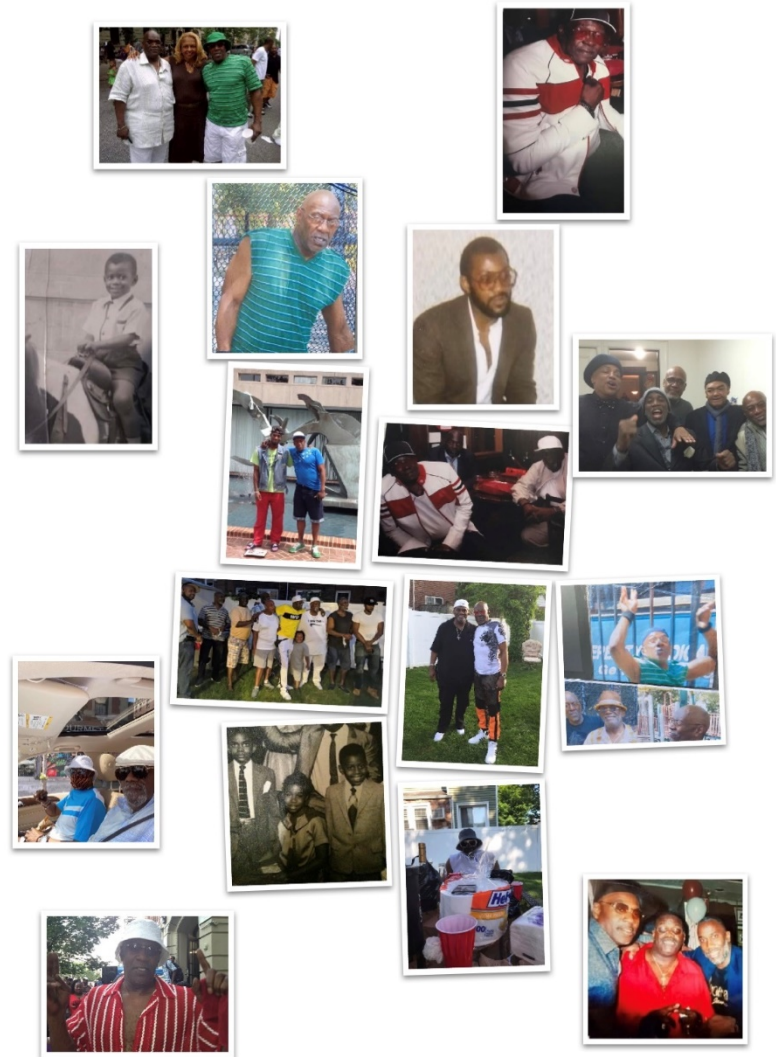
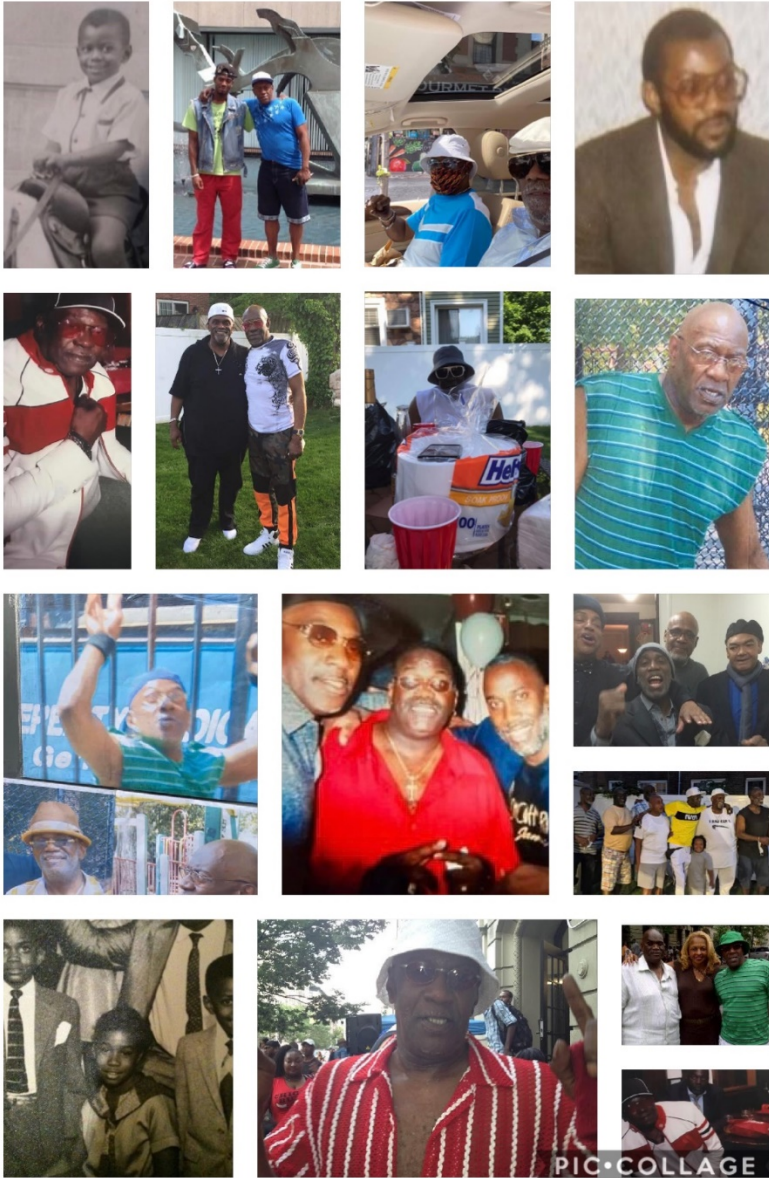
Ferncliff Cemetary  
280 Secor Road, Hartsdale, New York 10530

## Pallbearers

Friends of the Family

## Repast

The family will inform you about gathering together at a later date.



# Obituary

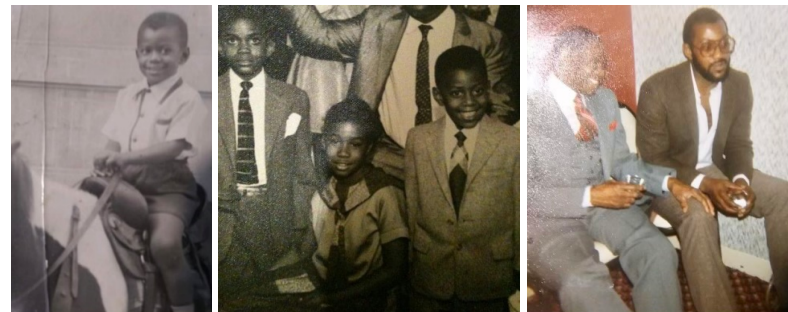
Reginald Rodney Howard (Reggie), *"aka Hoss"* was born on Thursday, October 30, 1952, from the union of James Taylor and Alberta Howard, in Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, New York City. He was educated in the New York City attending Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School for the first five years of his education; PS 192 for his middle school education; and JHS 43 for junior high school education. Upon graduation from JHS 43, Reggie, *now known as Hoss*, attended Charles Evans Hughes High School where he continued to excel in education and basketball. His best friends gave him the nickname, *Hoss*, because he was *"built like a thorough bred and fast"* and because of his *"strength and moves"* on the basketball court. He built up his reputation playing basketball at the Hamilton Courts in the mean streets of Harlem, New York City.

After high school, Reggie joined Job Corp. His first job was at Brooklyn College where he was a campus maintenance operator for 5 years. During his tenure at Brooklyn College, he met Jeanette Marshall and through their union, Reginald Howard Jr., his only child, was born. Reggie was proud to become a father. Unfortunately, Jeanette passed away when their son, Lil Reggie, was at the tender age of 8 years old. Reggie, while heartbroken, graciously assumed the role of a single parent in his son's life. This new responsibility and Reggie's desire to be available for his son during the night, Reggie had to resign from his job at Brooklyn College because his work shift could not be changed.

After leaving his job at Brooklyn College, he began to work as a cook/food preparer in elementary schools throughout Brooklyn. Reggie truly enjoyed this career move and felt joy in feeding the children. After 20 years of serving in the public school system, Reggie retired in 2016. During his retirement, he was able to spend a lot of time cooking and shopping. In true Howard fashion, Reggie really loved to look good and had a great sense of style. Reggie also found joy in caring for his son's poodle, Carbón, who he loved and cherished.

Reggie leaves to rejoice and cherish in his memory a loving devoted son, Reginald Howard Jr. (Dawn/Fiancé's) (Man/Washington), loving Brother and BFF, Rev. Stan Howard (Sheila) of Englewood NJ. He will also be missed by Cousins JoAnn Peters, Buffalo NY, Carolyn Bernice Macon, Birmingham Al, Denise Hargrave (Clint), Albany NY, Phyllis Mack (Johnathan) NJ, Christopher Jay Peters, Buffalo NY, James (Jimmy) Peters, Buffalo NY, Mickey Gamble (Beverly) Raleigh NC, Mack Gamble, Plainfield; nieces and nephews, Damien, Vaughn, Jonelle, Shonte, Jasmine, Tamera, Tianna, Serena, Jazmyn; Sister in law, Chauna Marissa Williams and lifelong friends, Felicia, Ernest Gohagen, Tony Redd, Fat Jack, Carlos and God sister, Tanya Richards and of host of friends and family to vast to mention.

## Celebrating the Life of Reginald Rodney Howard (Hoss) *"He Lived His Best Life"*



Celebrating with Family and Friends  
*"Enjoying Life to the Fullest"*

