

## I AM GONE – CIAO

I am gone

To remember me  
If you must bury something  
Let it be my faults, my weaknesses  
And all my prejudice against my fellow  
man

If by chance, you wish to remember  
me

Do it with a kind deed or word  
To someone who needs it

If you do all I have asked  
I will live forever

### ***Acknowledgements***

The Austin family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown during their hour of bereavement.

May the Lord ever bless and keep you.

## **Celebration of Remembrance**

**Vincent N. Austin**

December 19, 1933 – February 11, 2023



Memorial Service

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – 3:00 PM

Benta's Funeral Home  
630 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, NY

Rev. Terrance Kennedy – Officiant

Musicians: Nate Lucas – Gerard Weldon – John



## OBITUARY

Vincent N. Austin, known to everyone as "Vince", departed this life on Saturday, February 11, 2023, after having his last dance at his favorite karaoke spot, The American Legion. He was born November 19, 1933, to Noel Austin and Ruth Jones in Colon, Republic of Panama.

He immigrated to the United States in 1950 and graduated from George Washington High School in 1952. Shortly thereafter he joined the U.S. Army and served two years in the Korean War receiving an honorable discharge. From there he attended Pace University and graduated with a B.A. in Accounting.

In June 1960, Vincent was joined in holy matrimony to the late Cynthia Brown-Austin. From this union, his only son, Vincent was born.

Throughout his working career, Vincent was employed with the U.S. Post Office, Metromedia, Playbill and eventually the National Urban League where he worked tirelessly traveling the country to the various affiliates. He retired in 1995 and went on to work as a consultant for 10 years.

During his retirement years, he loved traveling to visit family and friends and was often accompanied by Belinda Taylor. They enjoyed dancing, movies, and plays, attending summer jazz concerts and hanging out at Showman's. Popeye's chicken and champagne were his favorite to enjoy at the concert. His other passion was singing karaoke, especially at the American Legion.

In addition to his parents and stepmother, Gertrude, Vincent was preceded in death by his wife Cynthia; sisters Felicita, Elaina, Cynthia; brother Arnulfo; 2 nephews; and 2 nieces.

He leaves to mourn his loss, son Vincent; daughter-in-law, Diedra; 2 grandsons, Wesley and Michael; sister, Vilma; nieces, Sharon "daughter" and Renee; nephews, Jarrett, Efraim and Jason; long-time companion, Belinda Taylor; her daughter, Susan and grandson, Michael; and host of cousins and friends.

Vincent will be missed greatly by those who knew and loved him.