

Don't remember me with sadness  
Don't remember me with tears,  
Remember all the laughter,  
We've shared throughout the years.  
Now I am contended  
That my life it was worthwhile,  
Knowing that I passed along the way  
I made someone smile.  
When you are walking down the street  
And you've got me on your mind,  
I'm walking in your footsteps  
Only half a step behind.  
So please don't be unhappy  
Just because I'm out of sight,  
Remember that I'm with you  
Each morning, noon and night.



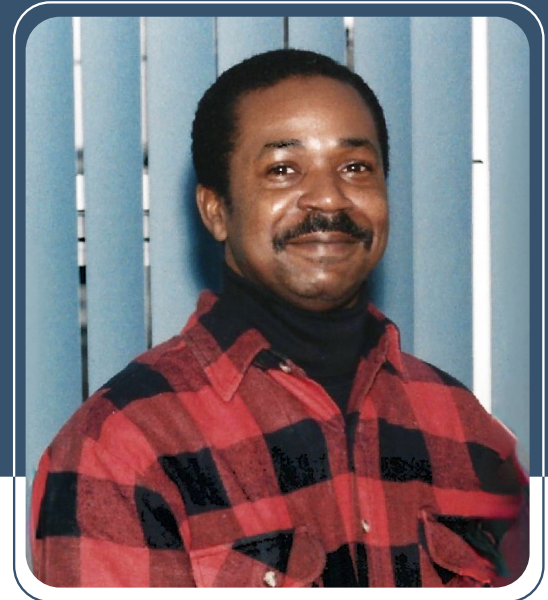
## Acknowledgments

Our family wishes to extend our profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, William will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate his life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.

Arrangements Entrusted to:

  
BENTA'S  
Funeral Home, Inc.  
630 St. Nicholas Avenue  
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## IN LOVING MEMORY OF



## William Davis

SUNRISE: JUNE 13, 1958 SUNSET: FEBRUARY 3, 2024

## Memorial Service

Friday, February 16 2024 • 11:00 A.M.

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME  
630 St. Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030

MARCUS DAVIS, Officiating  
ALSON FARLEY, Minister of Music



# Order of Service

## MILITARY HONORS PRESENTATION

NAVY HONOR GUARD

## INVOCATION

MARCUS DAVIS

## MUSICAL SELECTION

"DON'T CRY FOR ME"

## OBITUARY

KARINA DAVIS

## MUSICAL SELECTION

"DANCE WITH MY FATHER AGAIN"

## REFLECTIONS

FAMILY & FRIENDS

(TWO MINUTES PLEASE)

## EULOGY

MARCUS DAVIS

## RECESSIONAL

"NIGHT SONG"



# Obituary

**William Davis** was a man of conviction who concluded his earthly journey on February 3, 2024 - but not without leaving an indelible imprint.

The first member of his family to graduate from high school, William was born to Loretta Dupree and William Davis on June 13, 1958 in Lincoln Hospital. Growing up at 581 Teasdale Place and other parts of the South Bronx, William blossomed into a natural athlete who enjoyed playing basketball, punting a soccer ball, fielding a baseball, running track and holding himself afloat on the gymnastic rings. One of his favorite pastimes was playing handball with his brother, Marcus as this dynamic duo ruled the roost: William dominating the court with his right hand and Marcus conquering the other side with his left. In 1976, the family moved to Parkchester where he would plant deep roots of his own with his future partner, Rosellie Davis who he met on the dance floor of a high school graduation party. This chance meeting led to 41 years of marriage and two children.

After graduating from Alfred E Smith High School, William joined the United States Navy in 1978 where he became a radioman, learning how to manage communication systems on the USS Dwight D Eisenhower. After being honorably discharged from Portsmouth, Virginia, as a NCO (Non-commissioned officer), he employed the transferable skills acquired in the military to various industries including banking, working with displaced migrants, and administering COVID tests and vaccines in the height of the crisis. In his professional tenure, William earned certificates from the Police Academy as well as Member of Assembly John C. Dearie. William ultimately found his greatest professional passion on the open road, focusing his energies on being a Road Supervisor with Access-a-Ride where he assisted those with disabilities and integrated his vast geographical knowledge of the city with mentoring young drivers.

In all facets of his life, William was known for his infectious laughter and warm personality. He was a man who gave whatever he could spare. The manner in which he extended himself made a profound difference beyond quantification. He had a way of making everyone feel at ease and was always there to offer a helping hand or a listening ear. William created fertile ground for the people in his life so they could in turn spread that joy to others. This unofficial Mayor of Parkchester was also a coach for youth league basketball and a fabulous Dance Dad.

William is survived by his wife: Rosellie Davis; his siblings: Donald, Margaret, and Marcus; two children: Karina and William; and two grandchildren: Kairee and Kiara Cayetano in addition to nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by both of his parents and his brother Larry.

William's legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched and the memories he created. While he may no longer be with us in body, his spirit will continue to inspire us all to live with conviction and kindness.