

Obituary for Akinyele B. Cook

Akinyele B. Cook was born on March 15, 1969. He was the first son born to Earlean Barton and Daniel R. Cook in Harlem Hospital, NY. Akin grew up in Harlem, NY with his brother James Hassan Barrett and cousins Shushania and Tisha Barton.

He attended The Bank Street School and later graduated from LaGuardia High School of The Performing Arts. As a gifted musician he attended and graduated from Boston Conservatory at Berkeley. Later he attended City College of New York.

He then went on to work as an assistant teacher at the Child Development Center on City College's campus for over twenty-three years until its closure. In this position, Akin was able to integrate his love of music and intellect with the young children.

He then worked at the Bronx House Recreational Center as a teacher, later transferring to Hopscotch Montessori School where he worked until his untimely passing.

Akin's first born, Mitye Cook, was born to him and Keshia Saunders in 1991. In 1995 he later met Carol Bing and to them was born Malik A. Cook in 1999. Akin was devoted to his children.

Akin was an avid reader who loved books. His favorite authors were Stephen King and James Patterson. He also enjoyed reading Biographies and loved to share their stories with his peers. He was an avid fan of hard rock and Kiss was his favorite group. Through the years, he perfected his artistry as a guitarist and was known to play music for the children he taught. Nothing made him happier than visiting the Bronx Zoo and the Museum of Natural History with his children and niece, Zoey.

Akin was preceded in death by his grandparents, Earl & Marcella Barton, Catherine & Charles Cook, his grand aunt Elvira Gilford, his cousins Jay Sweet, Khalil & Monique Barton. Akin leaves to cherish his memory his;

- Parents: Earlean Barrett & Daniel Cook
- Uncles: Earl Barton & Pete Salvage
- Brothers: James Barrett & Daniel Cook Jr.
- Sisters: Jessica Robinson, Dara & Naima Cook
- Children: Mitye & Malik
- Grandchild: Aya Cook
- Nephew: Bishop Barrett Nieces: Zoey, Jasmine, and Yameena
- Cousins: Shushania, Jetuan Epps & Tisha Barton
- Godmother: Latrelle Thornton
- Close Friends: Ralph Carter and Niall Blum
- He leaves to mourn a host and family and friends

REST IN PEACE AKIN

Going Home Service

(March 28, 2022)

Libations

(Calling of the Ancestors) ...Latrelle Thornton

Opening Prayer... Rev. Dr. Lee A. Arrington

Selection

"Worth" ... Lagee Andre Greene

Selection

"May The Work I've Done Speak for Me" ...Phil Harris

Obituary... Ralph Carter

Reflections/ Speeches

Ralph Carter

Latrelle Thornton

Mitye Cook

Amanda Hopson

Niall Blum

Diane Sweet

Reflections... Open to everyone

Selection

"If I Can Help Somebody" ... Marilyn Walker

Eulogy... Rev Dr. Lee A. Arrington

Closing Selection

"I Need You to Survive" ... Marilyn Walker, Phil Harris & Lagee Andre Greene

REPASS DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE:

Fordham Hill Oval

1 Fordham Hill Oval, Bronx, NY, 10468

(Community Room 1)



Akinyele B. Cook

Sunrise: March 15, 1969 Sunset: May 18, 2022