



HOMEGOING SERVICES OF

Rev. Dr. Robert Charles Ford Rowe

APRIL 1, 1936 - APRIL 25, 2020

Robert Charles Rowe, Jr.

NOVEMBER 15, 1963 - APRIL 18, 2020

Lee's Funeral Home
160 Fisher Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606
Tuesday, May 18, 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR
Rev. Dr. Robert Ford Rowe
& Robert Charles Rowe, Jr.

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 4: 6-8
Rev. Dr. Charles Butler

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Elder Charles Becoats, Sr.

READING OF OBITUARIES

Faith & Joshua Crittenden

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Family and Friends

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Edward O Williamson

INTERMENT

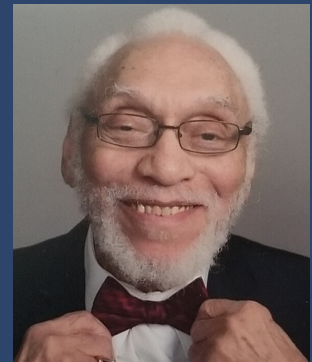
FERNCLIFF CEMETARY

Hartsdale, New York

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

PERHAPS YOU SENT A LOVELY CARD,
OR SAT QUIETLY IN A CHAIR,
PERHAPS YOU SENT AN
ENCOURAGING ONLINE WORD
IF SO WE READ IT THERE.

PERHAPS YOU WERE NOT THERE AT ALL,
JUST THOUGHT OF US THAT DAY.
WHATEVER YOU DID TO CONSOLE OUR HEARTS,
WE THANK YOU SO MUCH WHATEVER THE PART.



THE ROWE, FORD, SMITH & CRITTENDEN FAMILIES

OBITUARY OF

Rev. Dr. Robert Charles Ford Rowe

Rev. Dr. Robert Charles Ford Rowe was a native of South Carolina, born in Dillon County on April 1, 1936 to the late Stellie D. Ford and late Eartha Mae Conyers. He peacefully transitioned into eternal rest after a brief illness on Saturday, April 25th, 2020 in Bronx, New York at Jacobi Medical Center.

After leaving South Carolina, Rev. Rowe lived with his grandparents, Elizabeth Conyers Paige and Jason Paige in Baltimore, Maryland, for a time. He and his family, then, moved to New York City. He is the only child of Eartha Conyers and Stellie Ford. He is also the oldest of ten children born to Stellie Ford. Rev. Rowe attended and graduated from Baltimore and New York City public schools, including Seward Park High School; where he was a varsity athlete and track champion. Additionally, he served his country by joining the Army and completing his two-year obligation before receiving an honorable discharge.

Rev. Rowe earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science (New York City Community College of Arts and Science), a Bachelor of Science (New York University), a Master of Arts (New York University), a Master of Divinity (New York Theological Seminary), and a Doctorate of Ministry (New York Theological Seminary). Rev. Rowe received his doctorate degree at the age of 80.

Rev. Rowe received Christ early in his life at the Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Harlem, New York, under the pastorate of the Late Rev. Dr. O. Clay Maxwell, Sr. Rev. Rowe served the ministry as a Sunday school teacher at Co-op City Baptist Church under the late Rev. Julius Sapportas. He also served as a Trustee, Church Treasurer and Deacon at St. Luke Baptist Church under the late Rev. Dr. Walter L. Harding. Rev. Rowe and his late wife, Cynthia served as co-directors of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Tremont Methodist Church under the late Rev. C Lloyd Lee. Rev. Rowe was licensed and ordained into the ministry at St. Luke Baptist Church in Harlem, New York.

Rev. Rowe was a member of the Most Worshipful Enoch Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of the State of New York, St. John Lodge No 46. (Brooklyn) Rev. Rowe's community involvement included Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Consumers Federal Credit Union, Treasurer of the South Bronx Mental Health Center Board and Social Services consultant and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Trabajamos Head Start Program. He retired after 32 years of employment in the human service field with the City of New York and in administration with the Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center. Rev. Rowe served also as registrar at Norwalk Community College in Norwalk, Connecticut and Instructor at Lehman College, Bronx, New York. Rev. Rowe was a member of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Greater New York and Vicinity.

Rev. Rowe served as the Assistant to the Pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Harlem, New York, after being called by the late Rev. Dr. Adolf Roberts from 1990 until Rev. Roberts' death. In this capacity, he oversaw prayer meetings and the Christian Education department. He served as the preacher in charge of the men's ministry.

Rev. Rowe established an annual Christmas caroling ministry, which served hospital and nursing homes in the Harlem community. Rev. Rowe led a church sponsored bible study in Co-op City for many years, as well. Rev. Rowe was a circuit preacher for the American Baptist Churches servicing the five counties of New York City, including Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties.

Rev. Rowe was preceded in death, by his wife of forty-five years, Cynthia Thomas Rowe, his son, Robert Charles Rowe, Jr., mother, Eartha M. Rowe, father, Stellie D. Ford, step mother, Irene Smith, step father, David Smith, brothers, Stellie D. Ford, Jr. George Ford, Elliot "Stup" Brockman, and a sister Chessie Mildred Ford and brothers in law Lascelles Straker, Malloy Saunders and James Edwards, Sr.

He leaves to mourn his passing and celebrate his life: his two daughters, Andrea (Cornelius) Crittenden and Emily (Anthony) Rowe-Smith. His four grandchildren: Daniel Crittenden ("Critt"), Faith Crittenden, Joshua Crittenden ("My Walking Stick") and Anthony Smith, Jr. ("Little A"). His sisters and brothers: Jazzi Thomas, Marian Saunders, Moesann (Bobbie) Edwards, Pat Ford, Pearl (George) Eggleston, JoAnn Holden, Richard (Mildred) Ford and Derrick (Fontella) Brockman. His sisters and brothers in law, Ceylema Straker, Delphina Thomas, Rose Martin, Kenneth (Joan) Thomas, Norman R. (Sonia) Thomas, Allan (Yvonne) Thomas and Andrew (Donna-Marie) Thomas and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Rev. Rowe's favorite scripture was Romans 10:15 "And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Rev. Rowe was loved by many and will be sorely missed by many.

OBITUARY OF *Robert Charles Rowe, Jr.*



Robert Charles Rowe, Jr. was born in the village of Harlem, New York on November 15, 1963 to the late Robert C. Ford-Rowe and late Cynthia Thomas Rowe. He transitioned into eternal rest after a brief illness on Saturday, April 18th, 2020 in Manhattan, New York at the Hilton Garden Inn South, at Times Square. Robert attended elementary school at Bronx River Community School and Melrose Community School, in Bronx, New York. He attended and graduated junior high and high school from Our Savior Lutheran in Bronx, New York, where he ran track and played soccer and basketball. Robert attended Denison University in Granville, Ohio and eventually graduated from Mercy College, Bronx, New York, where he earned a bachelor degree in Business. Further, Robert attended and graduated from Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York, where he earned a master of science degree in Education.

Additionally, Robert served his country in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve for total of 13 years. Robert was a substitute teacher for the New York City Department of Education. Robert served as an auxiliary police officer for the NYPD 45th precinct for several years. Robert was employed in retail and food service industries where he served at the original Yankee stadium ("The House that Ruth Built"), Billy Jean King Tennis Center, Citifield, Shea Stadium, Red Bull Arena, MetLife Stadium, Giants Stadium and the Prudential Center.

Robert gave his life to Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Greater Refuge Temple, Harlem, New York, where the late Apostle William Lee Bonner was the pastor. During the course of his life Robert attended and was a member of several Christian churches, including, Tremont United Methodist Church (Bronx), Co-op City Baptist Church (Bronx), Community Protestant Church (Bronx), Redeeming Love Christian Center (Nyack) and Epiphany Lutheran Church (Bronx).

Robert enjoyed listening to music, collecting items of personal interest, including, regional and national public history and events. He served as historian and other elected positions with the American Legion Post 398 (Harlem), and a member of the NAACP, National Action Network, National Rifle Association, American Numismatic Association, United States Tennis Association, Full Gospel Businessman's Fellowship International, Scouting Alumni Association, and an affiliate member of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

He leaves to mourn his passing in celebration of his life: his sisters, Emily Rowe-Smith (Anthony) of White Plains, New York and Andrea Rowe Crittenden (Cornelius) of Windsor, Connecticut; nephews, Anthony Smith, Jr., Joshua Crittenden and Daniel Crittenden; and niece, Faith Crittenden. He also leaves his many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his mother Cynthia Thomas Rowe, paternal grandmother Eartha M. Rowe, maternal grandfather Percival Thomas, maternal grandmother Beatrice Owen, paternal step grandmother Irene Smith and paternal grandfather Stellie D. Ford. His father, Reverend Dr. Robert Ford Rowe followed him in death shortly thereafter.

Robert left this quote on his high school senior picture "Great geniuses have the shortest biographies."

Robert was loved and will be sorely missed by many.

THOUGHTS ON OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH & *Rev. Dr. Robert Ford Rowe* *Robert Charles Rowe, Jr.*

TO OUR MODEL FATHER

Dad,

We've experienced so much together that words found in a Hallmark card could not adequately express our feelings, love, or admiration for you.

This is because the world can't conceive of a father modeled after God's own Heart. A man who God knows intimately:

Like Noah, who listened to God
and saved his family from destruction,
Like you Dad, who always listened to his Lord
and his heart to protect his family from harm.
Like Abraham's faith, which comforted
his family when he left home to follow God.
Like you Dad, the way you always told us
everything would be all right ... and it was.
Like Moses, who lead a weary rebellious
and defiant people to the promise land.
Like you Dad, the way you stayed the course
even when we didn't like your decisions.

Like David, who prepared with all of his might, a legacy for his children.

Like you Dad, who taught us the value of inheritance.

Like Solomon, whose wisdom was held in higher esteem than anyone before or since, with the exception of Jesus.

Like you Dad, whose wisdom saved us from many of life's pitfalls (and is more precious now than before.)

Like Job, who despite all the tragedy that befell him remained committed to his love of God.

Like you Dad, your positive attitude kept us from sinking in despair.

And Like Jesus, God's perfect example of a man, who could love and lead at the same time.

And Like you Dad, who, while not perfect, endeavored to be the best he could be for his family... and for us.

We count my blessings everyday, twice and three times a day to have the best attributes of God's mighty men wrapped up in the one man who happens to be our Father!!

MEMORIES OF OUR BROTHER

How well do I remember
All the special times we had
As we were raised side by side
Sharing good times, sharing bad

Sometimes we would disagree
But always made up in the end
But as we grew to be adults
We became the best of friends

Then you heard the voice of Jesus
Gently calling from on high
He was holding out his loving arms
But I could not say goodbye

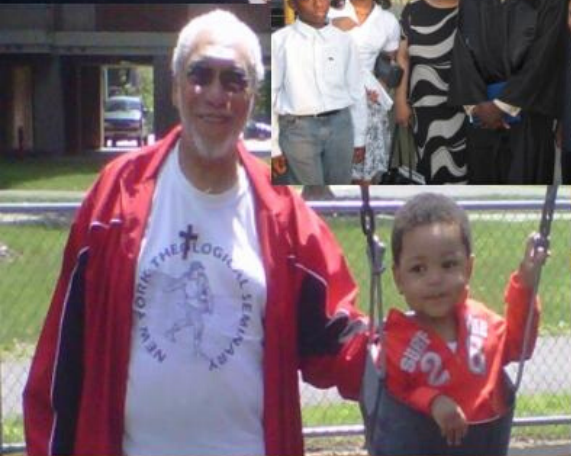
So I say see you later
Dear brother, wait for me
In the beauty of God's Heaven
Where the best is yet to be

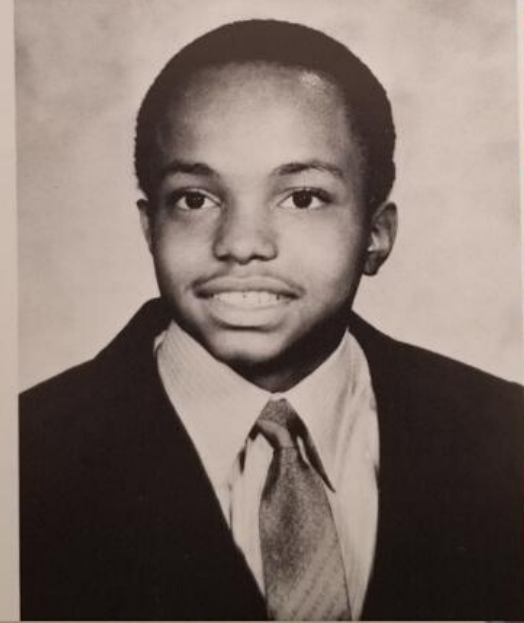


*Love Always,
Andrea & Emily*



INSIDE OUR LIVES WITH
Rev. Dr. Robert Ford Rowe
& *Robert Charles Rowe, Jr.*







Until we meet again.