



## Edward Henderson

January 20, 1955 - December 7, 2021

Edward Henderson entered God's house on December 7th, 2021. He was born to Buster and Rosanell Kelly Henderson on January 20th, 1955, in Brooklyn, New York. Edward moved to Connecticut in the late 1960's and graduated from Richard C. Lee High School in 1973. Edward was a musician, a chef, and a roofer. He was a kind and loving soul who loved his family, loved to dance and sing.

For most of his life, he was an electrifying entertainer. In high school, his band won the Battle of the Bands competition. His favorite song was "Billy Jean." He enjoyed playing percussion/Congo drums for various bands. He created original sounds on a synthesizer and collaborated to pen the songs "I Never Knew" and "Mr. Love" with the First Approach Band. Many nationally-known groups like Kool and Gang made Edward an offer to join them, but Edward chose to remain with the local bands in the Greater New Haven area. He sang lead for the New Generation Band and Edward was a "sit-in" for other bands as well.

He leaves to mourn his longtime girlfriend, Lori Morris (Hamden, CT.); sons, Edward Henderson Jr. (New Haven, CT.), Anthony and Phil Messina (New Haven, CT); daughters, Adrianna Henderson (New Haven, CT.), Jen and Theresa Messina, and Cayla Morris (Hamden, CT); sister in law Sharon Henderson (Hamden, CT); brother Paul Henderson; five grandchildren and a

host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and special nieces Mikesha and Kenisha Henderson.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his grandparents, a maternal grandmother, Claudia Mae "Ma Kelly" Harrison Kelly; brothers, Dennis, Harris and Anthony Henderson.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

DEC 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel  
95 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511

### Funeral Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Henderson*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *India T lit a candle in memory of Edward Henderson*



India T - March 08, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Edward is a great vocalist and percussionist. I enjoyed our 35 years performing with the, "First Approach Band" in which he will always be a member 🙏👑❤️. My brother from another mother. R.I.P.*

Billy Mills jr - December 14, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ *Billy Mills Jr lit a candle in memory of Edward Henderson*



Billy Mills jr - December 14, 2021 at 03:58 PM