



William Garrett

March 24, 1956 - February 1, 2021

On February 1, 2021, Mr. William “Sonnyboy” Garrett, 64, departed this life surrounded by his family. He was born on March 24, 1956 in Hemingway, South Carolina to Jannie Mae Garrett.

Sonnyboy attended Richard C. Lee High School in New Haven, CT, where he was a remarkable football player. He worked as an apprentice chef at the historic Anchor Spa Restaurant in New Haven, CT for many years where he developed a love for cooking as a young man during the 1980's. He now ends his 36-year long career as a maintenance specialist at the City of New Haven Parking Authority.

Sonnyboy was a very hard worker and known for his impeccable work ethics. He loved to cook (rice) and enjoyed creating unique and delicious meals for his family. He would never let anyone leave his house hungry. He was also very outspoken, never holding his tongue but always showing love. He loved to dance, often breaking out his signature dance moves, whenever he had the chance. He was always very entertaining, known for being the life of the party with his sense of humor. Sonnyboy was always well-dressed and took pride in his collection of pocket knives.

Sonnyboy leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Marilyn Miller of New Haven, CT; one son, William Demetrius Miller of Derby, CT; two daughters

LeKeesha Miller-Jackson (Michael) of Charlotte, NC and Shanesha Miller-Cannon (Wilbert) of West Haven, CT; one sister, Pansy Garrett of New Haven, CT; three aunts, Virginia Cooper, Betsy Mae Garrett and RosaLee Garrett; two granddaughters, Walani Cannon and Tailyn Miller; six grandsons, Tyrese Payne, Jabari Daluz, Michael "Eli" Jackson, Wilbert Cannon III, Sirron Douglas and William Demetrius Miller Jr.; one great-granddaughter, Aniyese Payne; a close companion, Gail Heard and a host of loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was predeceased by his mother, Jannie Mae Garrett; son, Carlton Miller; brother, Willie Joe Garrett; maternal grandmother, Lil Garrett; beloved niece, Janet Garrett and cousin, Willie Cooper.

Flowers and condolences may be sent to McClam Funeral Home, 95 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB **9**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *William Garrett*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *My Deepest Sympathies to the Garrett Family during this difficult time. I've known and worked with Willie for many years at the New Haven Parking Authority. He was a hard worker and very dedicated. Years ago, on a few occasions when I was lucky enough to catch a few fish, I would save one for Willie. He would then always ask me if I had any luck and when I replied no, he would tell me I should go to the local Seafood Store! Willie will surely be missed. Rest in peace my friend! JB*

Jim Boczar - February 09, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ *My love and prayers are with my family today. Sonnyboy will truly be missed. He taught me how to make Swedish meatballs years ago. His love for his family helped me through the death of my spouse. Stay strong in the Lord and in the power of His might my family!*

Love, Jackie Miller-Black and family 🙏🙏🙏

Jackie Miller-Black - February 09, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. We prayer God will continually comfort your hearts.*

*Love,
The Lewis Family*

Rose - February 08, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Garrett.



February 08, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Garrett.



February 07, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Garrett.



February 07, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Garrett.



February 07, 2021 at 01:21 AM

JH

“ *Deepest Condolences to the Family on the Loss of your Love one sending Prayers At this Difficult Time*



Joy Herring - February 06, 2021 at 03:58 PM

MM

“ *You will be missed Uncle Sonny boy, our gatherings will not be the same. Love your niece Kema*

Mickema Miller - February 06, 2021 at 03:47 PM

HP

“ *To Garrett Family: Sending condolences and prayers will miss my Sunday chief, coming into Stop&shop and telling me what's cooking always joking around with him about spending his money for his dinner May his soul RIP*

Helen C Powell - February 06, 2021 at 12:39 AM