



Winfred Rembert Sr.

November 22, 1945 - March 31, 2021

Winfred Rembert Sr. was born November 22, 1945 in Americus, Georgia. He departed this life to begin his peaceful journey on Wednesday March 31, 2021 at his home with his loving, completely devoted wife Patsy by his side.

Winfred attended Americus high school in Georgia where he was a basketball star. As a shooting guard he achieved getting 20 hoops in a row, making him the number one shooter in Americus, Georgia. His record remains today. After high school Winfred was drafted into the Army. Throughout this time, from 14 years old and throughout high school he participated in the civil rights movement. Riding buses to protests for sit-ins. The most famous one was the Charlie Hopkins sit-in. While a soldier in the army he was arrested and put in a chain gang. Here he met his wonderful wife Patsy. They wrote to each other for 4 years. Patsy would sneak and see him because her grandmother lived near the chain gang camp.

Upon his release in 1974, they married on December 29, 1974. They moved to Rochester, NY. Then to Ashburn, Georgia, where they had their first born Winfred Jr. Next they moved to Bridgeport, CT, where he worked as a longshoreman and served as a Free-Mason for Christ Arch Chapter #119 of Lodge #150. In 1987 they finally settled in New Haven, CT, where he remained and raised his family. They enjoyed many pastimes together, fishing (their favorite), bike riding, shopping and entertaining neighbors, friends and

family.

Winfred began making medallions and keychains in 1989. This blossomed into a lucrative career. He became the first living artist to have an exhibition at Yale art gallery. Winfred adored his family. He taught his children many valuable lessons and skills. He enjoyed his grandkids alike and spoiled them endlessly. He made sure they wanted for nothing. Winfred's Autobiography "Chasing Me To My Grave" will be released September 2021.

Winfred was preceded in death by his son Edgar T. Gammage Rembert. In addition to the love of his life Patsy, he leaves to mourn six sons, Winfred Jr. (Tamu), John, Mitchell and Patrick Rembert, Robby Nunez and Justin Waters. Two daughters, Lillian and Nancy Rembert. A sister, Lorraine Reaves of Rochester, NY. Brother Wayne Johnson of Ellenwood, GA. Sisters Faustine Clemons of Decatur, GA and Octivia (Henry) Keith of Dublin, GA. He also leaves to mourn eight sisters and three brothers who live in Georgia. Seventeen grandchildren. Winfred also leaves a host of nieces and nephews, in laws, friends and the art community.

Cemetery Details

Grove Street Cemetery

227 Grove St.
New Haven , CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church
609 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511-1722
(203) 624-1426

Funeral Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church
609 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511-1722
(203) 624-1426

Tribute Wall



“ *Winfred Rembert Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Dear Mrs Patsy Rembert,
I just read your husband's book and love his portrait of you as a
brave woman with grit, insight, compassion, and above all endless
love. It is now over a year that you are alone, but I hope that all
those wonderful traits help you to lead a fulfilled life. An admirer from
Switzerland.*

Sabine Flury - April 27, 2022 at 02:51 AM



“ *Winfred was so appreciated as he generously shared his beautiful
art and skills with the students of Hamden Middle School as a
participant in the HMS Culture Fair. He is remembered fondly!*

Rose Cohen

Rose Cohen - April 30, 2021 at 09:45 AM

RS

“ Dear Winfred, Tamu and Family,
We are very sorry to hear of the passing of your dear Winfred Sr. We had the privilege of meeting Mr. Rembert at the screening of his documentary and your wedding. It was an honor to have known him. May his legacy of hope, perseverance, and his life long experiences continue to inspire everyone who knows his story and have seen/own his artwork. He had a wonderful smile, and infectious spirit.
May the find and loving memories you have of him, give you comfort, strength and peace in the days ahead.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely,
Rosemary and Paul Schaeffer & Family
Cheshire, CT

Rosemary Schaeffer - April 27, 2021 at 03:11 PM

KB

“ I was so saddened to learn of Mr Rembert's passing. My prayers for peace to his family. My High School son was given an assignment in his American Government class to watch the video, "Surviving a Lynching | Ashes to Ashes | The New Yorker Documentary". Because my son is Special Needs, I watched the video with him and then we were to answer questions related to the video. The video impacted me so much that I was trying to search a way to thank Mr. Rembert for his bravery and vulnerability. This is then when I discovered he had just recently passed. Please know that his message is being shared as a history lesson about the atrocities of the past and the even more painful message that those acts of savagery linger in the memories of all involved.
Thank you,
Kathy Brennen, Columbus, OH

KATHLEEN A BRENNEN - April 22, 2021 at 05:15 PM

CH

“ *My condolences to the Rembert family. I met Mr. Rembert at Hillhouse High School where I was his children's guidance counselor. Mr. and Mrs. Rembert were an awesome couple - always there to support their children by checking in and asking questions. I really appreciated all of that. The world has lost an incredible person, and you all are in my prayers forever.*

*Most sincerely,
Carrie Hopes*

Carrie Hopes - April 09, 2021 at 09:54 AM

SV

“ *Was blessed hear you speak in Muskegon, Michigan after watching your documentary. Your love & light filtered in through my soul in a manner that started waking me up to the truth, and the injustice that is in this country. I will never forget that evening, I will never forget your gentle spirit, and I will always remember your journey. May you rest in peace, and have been welcomed with an army of angels with open arms. I thank you for your art, your courage, and sharing your truth and wisdom.*

Sherri V - April 09, 2021 at 01:57 AM

LB

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Winfred and Patsy a few times when they came to USNH. Seeing them together, you saw two people who were deeply in love and respect of each other. Winfred's ability to express the pain and trauma he experienced in his lifetime through his art is truly remarkable. I hope that his work continues to be shown around the country and the world and that it may contribute to the healing and reparations that are so sorely needed. Rest In Peace Winfred and may Patsy and the rest of the family be comforted by his memory.
Linda Barrett

Linda Barrett - April 08, 2021 at 09:01 PM

LR

“ I would of like to personally have met the late Mr. Winfred Rembert Sr. He was a living reminder of the horrors of slavery. May his story live on to be a constant reminder to others. May God bless his wife and family.

Lestine Rolle - April 07, 2021 at 11:31 PM

LR

“ Lestine Rolle lit a candle in memory of Winfred Rembert Sr.



Lestine Rolle - April 07, 2021 at 11:27 PM

RB

“ I am a writer who had the pleasure of meeting Winfred in Chicago in 2017 when he was awarded a USA Artists fellowship. What an amazing man and tremendous artist; and so hilarious too. And a sweet singer. One night he sang for us, a little video excerpt here.

My deepest condolences to Winfred's family and friends, may he rest in peace.

Rebecca Bengal



Rebecca Bengal - April 07, 2021 at 09:47 AM

LG

“ Love, Mary Gammage purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Winfred Rembert Sr..



Love, Mary Gammage - April 06, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Winfred Rembert Sr..



April 06, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ Thank you to the Rembert family for sharing the gift of Mr. Winfred Rembert Sr.. You allowed us to bask in the warmth of his spirit, the thought provoking beauty of his art, and the soul of his singing. His passing turns a page on a traumatic, and often forgotten time in American History. His art helped us to briefly look back, in order to move forward with clearer vision and purposeful steps, and to use the Amazing grace he sung about - to heal lives damaged by racism to be used by God. Washington, D.C.



Z - April 05, 2021 at 11:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Winfred Rembert Sr..



April 05, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ From The Arts Council of Greater New Haven purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Winfred Rembert Sr..



From The Arts Council of Greater New Haven - April 05, 2021
at 04:03 PM

WS

“ I'll always cherish the time spent with Winfred and Patsy watching our girls play basketball at Hillhouse. We were a special cheering team. The whole Rembert family would come out for support. Winfred was smart, humble, and caring. He shared his life through his art with young people, adults, and professional artists. He will be missed.

Wendy Samberg - April 05, 2021 at 12:55 PM

EC

“ Fondest memory is a chat we had during his exhibit at the New Haven Museum. I so enjoyed our conversation and was delighted that he agreed to autograph my copy of the Hudson River Museum book that accompanied his exhibit "Winfred Rembert Amazing Grace". Tried to connect with him a few times after that but it never worked out. I'm glad that he now has the total peace that eluded him much of his life. He's came through "many dangers, toils and snares" and, now, Grace has led him Home. God bless him and the entire family. My deep condolences, Elsie Chapman.

Elsie Chapman - April 05, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Winfred Rembert Sr..



April 05, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JB

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Winfred Rembert, a wonderful human being and a fine artist whom I had the great pleasure of knowing and admiring. May he rest in the peace he deserves. Warmly, Judy Birke

Judy Birke - April 05, 2021 at 10:57 AM

BS

“ Deepest sympathies from Burt Saxon

Burt Saxon - April 05, 2021 at 06:46 AM

EC

“ I met Mr. Rembert more than 25 years ago in New Haven .. I know he was a talented. artist. MORE importantly he LOVED his family and all his children. I enjoyed our talks over years and know he did not have an easy life and wanted a better life for his children. He was a gracious and caring man, proud of what he accomplished after having some trouble in his youth. He wanted his kids to have a better life and at the love in his eyes when he spoke of them was evident. Anyone. who knew him was blessed and his deep from his soul laughter is a wonderful memory for me. GOD has a new and fierce, loving angel kin Heaven.

Eileen Cavanaugh

Eileen Cavanaugh - April 05, 2021 at 05:41 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Winfred Rembert Sr..



April 05, 2021 at 02:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Winfred Rembert Sr..*



April 05, 2021 at 02:38 AM



“ *Condolences to the family of Winfred Rembert, I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Rembert but I admire his beautiful art work displayed here in Muskegon Michigan at the Museum of Art . I did have the pleasure of meeting Lillian as she came to represent her dad at an opening of her dad’s art. Beautiful story of his life and please continue his legacy.*

Dee Atnold-Johnson - April 04, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Winfred Rembert Sr..*



April 03, 2021 at 06:54 PM