
OBITUARY

Dr. Sam Howard Rumley (Sammy) was born to Mamie Rumley and Alfred Howard, on September 12, 1949, in Bassett, Virginia. In his early years, he attended the segregated elementary schools in Bassett, Virginia; and lived with his great grandparents, Sam and Bettie Holland. He adored his great grandparents and was loved and protected by them until his mom brought him to New York City to be with her; having recognized the rapid aging of her grandparents and their inability to continue to care for Sam (Sammy).

Sam lived with his mother and stepfather, the late Mamie and Willie Young and attended the NYC Public Schools where he excelled. He received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mathematics from City College of New York (CCNY) in 1971; a Master's degree in Mathematics from St. John's University in 1973; and a Doctorate (EdD) degree in Mathematics Education from Teachers College, Columbia University.

He was united in holy matrimony with Sharon Murray Jackson on June 17, 1972.

Sam retired as the Deputy Chief Actuary, from the NYC Office of the Actuary, in August 2019, after 26 years of professional actuarial service.

He continued, however, to teach Statistics and Business Mathematics as an adjunct professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) up until his passing. He had a passion for teaching and his students appreciated his unwavering commitment to student learning.

Sam also had a passion for sports: Football, Basketball, Baseball and Hockey; and competed with his son, regarding their opposing team interests.

In summary, Sam was a great husband, father, grandfather, uncle, ultimate actuarial professional, teacher and friend.

He leaves to mourn and cherish his memory, his wife of 49 years, Dr Sharon Rumley; one daughter, Cheree Rumley Berkowitz (Neal); one son, Yakik Rumley; one granddaughter, Zahra Miawama; one goddaughter, Eishelle Tillery; one sister-in-law, Dara Bragg (Kyle); one brother-in-law, Harold Hargrave; two aunts (Phyllis Lalande, Kay Field); two uncles (Randy Lewis, James (Alvin) Lewis); a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, professional associates and friends.

Dr. Rumley is a FSA, EA, MAAA.

Dr. Rumley is a member of the Convent Avenue Baptist Church.
