

RUDOLPH

Ernest Edwards, Jr.

**IN
LOVING
MEMORY
OF
RUDY**



SEPTEMBER 26, 1954 - NOVEMBER 3, 2024



RUDY'S

Journey

Rudolph E. Edwards Jr. also known as "Rudy" was born to Rudolph E. Edwards, Sr. and Rose Walker on September 26, 1954 in Boston, Massachusetts. Rudy attended Boston Public Schools, where he graduated from Brighton High School in 1972. He went on to attend Boston State, only for a year before joining the Boston Fire Department in 1978, where he retired 2017.

As a young man, Rudy loved to play basketball in his community as well as other communities competitively within the City of Boston. He won various championships throughout his time up until the age of 69, with the Darryl Bishop 50 and over Basketball League at the Epiphany School, Dorchester, MA.

Rudy also worked side by side with his late father Rudolph E. Edwards, Sr., (Spider) at The Boston Garden, now known as TD Garden. Rudy worked as porter at the "Garden" for over 10 years, rubbing elbows with legendary Boston Celtics and Boston Bruins. Rudy also worked at Toy's R Us as a supervisor in Dedham, MA for few years before concentrating on coaching youth basketball at the Lee School, The Tobin, The Hennigan School, Summer Leagues, Mission Park, the Shelburne Community Center (45 and over league) and the Epiphany School of late, (50 and over league).

Rudy loved watching westerns, wrestling, all types of sports, and his new favorite TV series was Tulsa King and the Penguin. He was also a music junkie, walking around with his boom box on his shoulders that change colors. You can hear Rudy before he came around the corner. Rudy was a gentle giant who talked to everyone, young or old, white or black. He was a mentor, a coach a friend to many. He was always in conversation with others on the phone or in person talking about BASKETBALL, what the next play should be and who should be on the court at that time, or just telling his player (s), what they did wrong and how to correct for the next game. Everyone listened as well as respected his knowledge of the game and his coaching style. Everyone wanted to play with Rudy.

In the Summer of 2010, Rudy met the love of his life Stephanie who was selling dinners at the gym, where he was her number customer always supporting her. Rudy asked Stephanie out a couple of times, where she said no, but eventually gave in after speaking with her honorary brother NeeNee, and asked about Rudy. NeeNee said "you better talk to him, he's a good dude". Later Rudy asked Stephanie out again, and she finally said yes to the date and in 2012, they were married and never left each other's side.

Rudy leaves behind to cherish his name and share his memories, his wife Stephanie Edwards, his two children, Syreeta Robinson and Rudolph E. Edwards, III and his stepdaughter, Jazmine Wrenn-Moreira. He also leaves behind his sister Valerie Edwards of Boston, and Dawna Edwards of Philadelphia, PA. Three brothers, Richard Murray, (Roslind), Peter Edwards, (Angela) and Brian Hunter all from Philadelphia, PA and a Brother-In-Law, Bobby Bigby, Jr. of Boston, MA. Proceeded in death was his father Rudolph E. Edwards, Sr., his mother, Rose Walker, his sister Vanessa Bigby, brother Bruce Edwards, and nephew, Derrick Edwards. Rudy was also a surrogate father to: Steven Dawson, Ruth Robinson, Shaundra Lacefield and Lakiesha Scardoni. Rudy was also blessed to have nineteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren with a host of nieces, nephews and other extended family members and friends. An Honorary Mention: Mrs. LaRhonda Thompson of Stoughton, MA, the Edwards family is forever grateful for efforts and you will always be a part of our family, which you really are, thank you!!!

Order of Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024 AT 11 AM

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

180 BLUE HILL AVENUE, MILTON, MASSACHUSETTS

REV. DR. CONLEY H. HUGHES, JR., PASTOR

PASTOR CHRISTOPHER SUMNER, EULOGIST

PROCESSION

THE CLERGY

INVOCATION

REV. DR. CONLEY H. HUGHES, JR.

PRAYER

PASTOR CHRISTOPHER SUMNER

SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT

BOBBY BIGBY

NEW TESTAMENT

BOBBY BIGBY, III

SOLO

"PRECIOUS LORD"

MINISTER ROSCOE MILLS

REMARKS

2 - 3 MINTUES

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

(PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE TIME TO ALLOW OTHERS A CHANCE)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

OBITUARY

COACH WILLIE MAYE

SOLO

MINISTER ROSCOE MILLS

EULOGY

PASTOR CHRISTOPHER SUMNER

BENEDICTION AND COMMITAL

REPAST

IRISH SOCIAL CLUB

119 PARK STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02132

1-5 P.M.

Ballbearers

DEQUAN CHAMBERS
KEVIN EDWARDS
RUDY EDWARDS, III

ERNEST EDWARDS
STEVEN J. BIGBY
BOBBY BIGBY, III

Love Notes

Rudy, Our love, our life, and everything we've built together was everything to me. We've been there for each other in so many ways, supporting, encouraging, making each other better and always laughing. You were my best friend. You were my partner in life, which was again, the best thing that happened to me. I know people who search lifetimes and never find love, but we were the exception, "who would have thunk it", that made us both laugh. I love our family, I loved us, but most of all, I loved you so much that I even threaten other teammates from opposing teams about fouling you, and you would get mad at me.

I love you, and always will...
Stephanie



A giant even when amongst giants, the roar of his tone, the power in his step, never forget the love....
A manly man, Thee fire fighter. My firefighter. Our firefighter, AKA hero; good call Rudy, bad call Rudy a uncle
a dad a brother a husband, a friend never to be forgotten.
Your laugh, your smile will forever be etched in our hearts and minds. "This I know", you are and always will
be THEE giant. My giant. OUR giant.
Already missing you, facts....
Love,
Bloodline



Rudy, I'm having a hard time imagining life without you. I only imagined us growing old together forever.
You left and my heart is crushed!!! I love you so much. I'm gonna miss our long conversations on the
phone. Your warm welcoming hug whenever we were together. Your laugh and loud but loving voice!!!
I'm missing you so hard already big bro!!!

Love your little sister,
Valerie



TO MY UNCLE RUDY

Man, this one stung. Caught us all by surprise and broke us down with this one. You know we are staying strong
for you always. I am going to miss hearing "hey Ma", the loudest man I know he use to come over early mornings
talking so loud he woke up the whole house, all you can do is get up and give him a hug the love and energy from
my uncle unmatched. I love, love, love you forever and always in my heart and mind.
Ma...Lil Val

A Special Thank You

The Edwards Family would like to thank all of our extended family, friends, and co-workers for their support.

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