



WITH DEEPEST GRATITUDE

The family of Tazharha Bowden deeply appreciates your love, support, and presence during this time of remembrance. They family expresses special thanks to the Ancestors, staff from Care Dimensions Hospice and Davis Funeral Home, and Lekan Parson.

ADDRESS

DAVIS FUNERAL HOME
654 CUMMINS HIGHWAY
MATTAPAN, MA 02126

INTERMENT FOLLOWING SERVICE

NEW CALVARY CEMETARY
800 Harvard St.
Mattapan, MA 02126



IN LOVING MEMORY OF TAZHARHA BOWDEN

Prelude: April 8th, 1950 - Outro: July 29th, 2026



DATE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

TIME

10AM - WAKE
11AM - SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiated by Rhatura Bowden, High Priest of
The Universal Life Church

Opening Remarks & Prayer Rhatura Bowden
Eulogy Rhatura Bowden
When Great Trees Fall by Maya Angelou Tarijsha Janey
Tazharha Photo Tribute Bowden Family
New World Generation Tribute Lekan Parson
Thank you, Dad" Zhanu Bowden
Reflections (Limit 2 Mins please) Family & Freinds
Closing Words Rhatura Bowden

Pallbearers: Rhatura Bowden, Zhanu Bowden, Tavon Bowden, Devonte Bowden, Sol Bowden, Kevin Booker, Rahkii Holman.



**YOUR PRESENCE BRINGS COMFORT
AND WARMTH TO OUR FAMILY.**

*In leui of flowers, please consider donating to **Care Dimensions Hospice House** in Lincoln, MA who provided a loving transitonal space for Tazharha and the family.*

OBITUARY

Stephen Allen Bowden affectionately known as Tazharha (a combination of his 3 sons' names) entered this earth plane on April 8, 1950, in Boston, MA. He was the son of Johnny and Doris Bowden. His father was a Master Carpenter and his mom was an educator. He spent a good portion of his life living on Norfolk Street in Roxbury and attended Boston Public Schools. Later he enrolled in Berklee College of Music to pursue his love of music.

He married Harolyn Burton on August 24, 1974 in Valley Cottage, NY. From this union they had 3 sons, Rhatura, Zhanu, and Tavon. Tazharha was a devoted father, imparting knowledge, instilling values, and nurturing their creative talents.

Upon completion of his studies at Berklee Tazharha joined the band New World Generation led by composer, arranger, and multi-instrumentalist Lekan Parson. Tazhara played keyboard, composed songs, and co-produced some of the tracks.. The band performed at various local venues and toured outside the country. In 1982, New World Generation released an album, a collection of soul and R&B. Tazharha created a music studio in the attic, giving vocal lessons, and recording sessions to artists. Tazhara knew the power of music. It unites, has the power to alter one's mood, change perceptions and inspire change. Music was a platform for him to address social issues and advocate for change. The Atlanta child murders of 1979-1981 deeply touched his heart and inspired him to write a song honoring the victims. Music was his passion and he was a self-taught musical genius.. He spent hours playing the piano daily and composing music. He later took up acoutstic, electric and bass guitar.

Besides music, Tazharha enjoyed fishing. His greatest joy was to take the grandchildren fishing. He didn't cook, but he liked to barbecue and was known for his signature barbeque sauce. Inheriting some of his father's woodworking skills he created boxes, some with carved leather designs on top. He also dabbled in photography.

On July 29, 2026, Tazharha chose to "go home" into the loving arms of the ancestors. He is preceded by his parents Johnnie and Doris, his brother John, and his sisters Janaya, Laverne, Kaidi, and Darlene. He is survived by Harolyn, his 3 sons Rhatura, Zhanu, Tavon. His grandchildren Davonte, Solaruh, Tavon Jr, Gianna, Khairi, Kyler and great grandson Davonte Jr. He is also survived by his sister Janice Garret, his daughter in-laws Jessica Sico, Colby Bowden and by Marissa, Dekysha, and a host of family and friends.