

Pallbearers

Jawara Adisa-Farrar

Shola Adisa-Farrar

Tarik Farrar

Hodari Fenderson

Haileab Samuel

Thomas Thompson III

Thomas Thompson IV

Acknowledgements

The Farrar family expresses deep gratitude to the family and friends who have shown an outpouring of love and support during this difficult time of transition. We thank the Morning Star Baptist Church and Bishop John M Borders, III for today's service and their ongoing prayers.

Arrangements entrusted to:

Davis Funeral Home

89 Walnut Avenue

Roxbury, MA 02119

Vincent H. Farrar

Celebrating the life of



NOVEMBER 8, 1926 - SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Viewing: 10:00 AM

Service: 11:00 AM

Morning Star Baptist Church

1257 Blue Hill Avenue

Mattapan, MA 02126

Bishop John M. Borders, III, Senior Pastor

Order of Service

Invocation

Bishop John M Borders, III

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23

Haileab Samuel

New Testament: John 1

Shola Adisa-Farrar

Prayer of Comfort

Bishop John M Borders, III

Musical Selection

Salathiel Carter & Bithiah Carter

Family Tribute

Tarik Farrar

Teju Adisa-Farrar

Haileab Samuel

Family & Friends

Haiba Samuel

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Ashaki Fenderson

Musical Selection

Salathiel Carter & Bithiah Carter

Eulogy

Bishop John M Borders, III

Recessional

Internment

Forest Hills Cemetery

95 Forest Hills Avenue

Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Repast

Dorset Hall

367 Neponset Avenue

Dorchester, MA 02122





Don't Cry For Me

Don't cry for me.
I will be okay.
Heaven is my home now,
and this is where I'll stay.

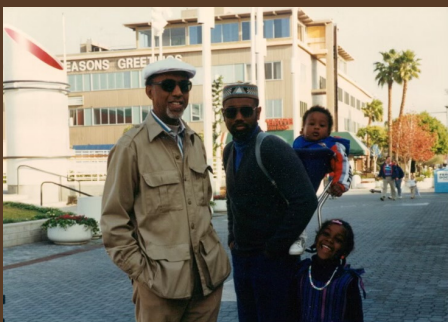
Don't cry for me.
I'm where I belong.
I want you to be happy
and try to stay strong.

Don't cry for me.
It was just my time,
but I will see you someday
on the other side.

Don't cry for me.
I am not alone.
The angels are with me
to welcome me home.

Don't cry for me,
for I have no fear.
All my pain is gone,
and Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry for me.
This is not the end.
I'll be waiting here for you
when we meet again.



Vincent Harvell Farrar was born on November 8, 1926 in Boston, Massachusetts, the youngest child of the late Mamie (Reed) and Phillip Farrar, Sr. He departed this life on Friday, September 22, 2023 at the VA Medical Center in West Roxbury where he received compassionate and exemplary care. Vinnie's favorite jazz tunes were playing in the background while his family surrounded him engaged in conversation when he decided, as he had said countless times, to "turn in his papers." And he did, quietly and peacefully.

Vinnie grew up in Bayonne, New Jersey where he was baptized and attended church regularly with his family. He received his elementary and junior high school education in the Bayonne public school system. When he was 14, Vinnie, his brother and newly widowed mother moved to Boston to live with his grandmother. He soon adapted to Boston and grew to know the area well, whether he was in the South End attending Ebenezer Baptist Church with his mother or in his early adult years, enjoying the many jazz clubs that the city had to offer like the Savoy and Wally's Paradise.

During his high school years, Vinnie would sell his bus transfers and make the daily 1.7-mile trek from his home in Uphams Corner to Roxbury Memorial High School. He would use the proceeds from his bus pass sales to go to the poolroom in the afternoons where he learned to become quite the pool shark. He was also an excellent basketball player and was captain of his high school basketball team. Vinnie additionally played on a league team called the Cherokees where he earned the nickname "Jersey." He was awarded a basketball scholarship to North Carolina A & T College, but declined because of his fear as a young Black man of traveling alone to the south and the stories he heard from family members and friends whose families had migrated from southern states.

He served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II. In 1946, shortly after he was discharged, Vinnie met his one love, Martha Virginia Holliday. They were married on Palm Sunday, March 30, 1947. From this union, three children were born. Vinnie worked hard to provide for his family. They meant everything to him and he was always there for them; his wife, his children and his grandchildren, who lovingly dubbed their grandfather "Big Daddy," a moniker that everyone started calling him. From early on, he was and remained the family patriarch.

If you were to ask Vinnie, or Big Daddy, what his profession was, he would say- even up until his dying day- that he was a waiter. He waited tables on the railroad, at the Parker House, and for one of the restaurants in the newly built Prudential Center in the early 1960's. Despite his love for being a waiter, he joined American Airlines as a skycap in 1967, a position he held until he retired in 1990. During his time at American, he was proud to have been among a small cadre of skycaps that took the airline to court and successfully blocked them from uprooting them and transferring them all to Dallas, a move that would have enabled American to begin using contracted skycaps in Boston.

Vinnie spent his retirement years traveling (jazz festivals, cruises), playing pool and taking care of his grandchildren on both the east and west coasts. Unless it was snowing, he took daily walks, sometimes up to three miles a day. People driving by learned to stop asking him if he wanted a ride because he would always gruffly respond that he was taking a walk in "his" neighborhood and why couldn't he walk in "his" neighborhood without people always asking him if he needed a ride! So people learned to just honk, wave and keep it moving.

In addition to his parents, Vinnie was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Virginia, his brothers Phillip, Jr. and Reed Peggram, and his granddaughter Virginia-Jeni Parkman. Left to mourn his absence and heal their broken hearts are his children: Patricia Farrar of Jamaica Plain, MA; Tarikhu Farrar of Oakland, CA, and Debra Farrar-Parkman of Dorchester, MA; his grandchildren: Ashaki Fenderson of Brooklyn, NY, Haileab (Haiba) Samuel of Schenectady, NY; Hodari Fenderson of Jamaica Plain, MA, Shola Adisa-Farrar of Brooklyn, NY, Charbra-Adia Parkman (Thomas) of Dorchester, MA, Jawara Adisa-Farrar of Encino, CA; and Teju Adisa-Farrar of Brooklyn, NY; and great-grandchildren: Aja and Che Samuel of Schenectady, NY. He was a special Big Daddy to Thomas Thompson IV of Dorchester, MA and Rasheed, Kai and Mustapha Glasco-Salik of Brooklyn, NY. Vinnie is also survived by a host of cousins and friends.