

*In Loving Memory  
of  
Richard George Cummings*



*Sunrise*

*November 5th, 1941*

*Sunset*

*October 11th, 2025*

**Friday, October 24, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. Wake**

**11:00 a.m. Service**

**Union Baptist Church**

31 Manhattan Avenue

White Plains, New York 10607

Rev. Dr. Verlin D. Williams, Pastor

**Order of Service**

**Reverend Dr. Verlin D. Williams, Officiating Pastor**

**Processional**..... Pastor Williams and Family

**Hymn**..... *“Blessed Assurance”*

**Scripture Readings**..... Elizabeth Godette

*Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

*New Testament: John 14: 1-6*

**Prayer of Comfort**..... Rev. James Perry, Sr. Pastor

Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Peekskill, NY

**Poem**..... Scott Cummings Sr.

**Reflections**.....Melvin Cummings

**Acknowledgements**..... Felecia Grant Cummings

**Obituary**.....Ural Hogans

**Solo**..... *“His Eye is on the Sparrow”*..... Charles Clayton

**Eulogy**..... Pastor Verlin D. Williams

**Recessional**.....*“Going Up Yonder”*

*~Interment~*

*White Plains Rural Cemetery*

167 North Broadway-White Plains, NY 10603

## Obituary

Richard George Cummings was a beloved father, husband, grandfather and great-grandfather who touched the lives of many. His infectious laugh and kindness will leave a joyous memory in all that he knew.

Richard George Cummings was born on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1941, at Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie, NY. He was the son of Pauline Elizabeth Cummings, grandson of John Paul and Edith Edmond Cummings as well as Joseph and Nellie Willis. He attended Millbrook Central School District, where he played football.

Throughout his life, Richard worked as a Cook at several local institutions: Grasslands Hospital (now Westchester Medical Center), St. Agnes Hospital and Tarrytown Hall Nursing Home, spanning 30 years. While working at St. Agnes Hospital, Richard stayed active as a member of the hospital's bowling & softball leagues. Richard wore many hats professionally, not only was he a talented Chef; he also worked as a Custodian at Woodlands High School and R.J. Bailey Elementary School in the Greenburgh School District; and he had several Security Officer jobs over the years. Due to his commitment and awareness on the job, Richard received a Certificate of Appreciation in Public Safety from the City of White Plains. Richard was always willing to lend a helping hand and make a positive impact on the community.

Richard was a member of Union Baptist Church for 42 years, where he attended regularly until recent years. He always looked forward to the special services for Easter and Christmas. He will also be remembered for his generosity towards family and his community.

Richard answered the final call towards his heavenly home peacefully on October 11th, 2025, at the age of 83. Over eight decades of making a lasting impression on so many who encountered him on his journey.

Richard George Cummings is survived by his wife Rosella Marilee Cummings; sons: Melvin Devnor (Felecia) Cummings of Peekskill, NY and Scott Alexander Cummings of Stamford, CT; sisters: Celeste Van Dyke of Bronx, NY, Barbara Dennis of Bronx, NY and Jonette Fenwick of Bronx, NY. Grandchildren: Tierra Jacqueline Monet Cummings; Alexis Danielle Jackson, Tarique Devore Cummings and Kira Anne Cummings; six great-grandchildren; and preceded in death by grandson Scott Alexander Cummings Jr. He also leaves behind sisters-in-law:

Rosa Mae Hogans, Annie Ruth Godette, Mary Joyce Godette and Brenda Faye Forman; one brother-in-law John Jasper Godette; and several nieces & nephews. Richard will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. He will remain... Forever in Our Hearts.

## **A Letter From Heaven**

*Alena Hakala Meadows*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
And I'm not here to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,  
Filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry,  
The way you did today.  
While thinking of the many things  
We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you.  
And each time you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here in your heart.*

### ***Acknowledgements***

*The family would like to thank each of you for your kind words, your prayers, and your calls and texts during this difficult time. Your acts of kindness are greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.*



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