



## Robert Cedell Houston

March 28, 1948 - September 9, 2021

Robert Cedell Houston, 73, of Lithonia, GA passed on Thursday September 9, 2021. Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday September 18, 3PM in our chapel. Visitation will be on Friday September 17, from 12-8PM. Interment Georgia National Cemetery Canton, GA. Please express your condolences here on our website. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory Inc. 43247 Flat Shoals Parkway Decatur, GA 30034 (404) 241-5656.

<https://vimeo.com/603300749>

Robert Cedell Houston was born on March 28, 1948 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Cedell and Ruth Houston. He was the fourth child of his parents' eight children. Robert was affectionately known to everyone as "Bobby" or "Bob", of course to his daughter as Dad and Nieces and Nephews as UB or "Uncle Bob". He was known by many other names given to him by both family and friends.... some were very descriptive if you've been in his presence long enough {smile}.

Bobby grew up with his parents, sisters and brothers in a happy home where they shared many fun times and created many wonderful memories thanks to the values instilled by his parents. He was boisterous, a good chess player,

fun to be around and made everyone feel comfortable when in his presence. Bobby was educated in the New York City school system and graduated from Westinghouse High School in Brooklyn in 1966. He was a young man of 16 when he fathered his only child Michelle in 1964 with Linda Smith, the first love of his life. Both Bobby and Linda went on to complete their high school education while co-parenting their daughter. They later went separate ways due to their youth.

Bobby became an active member of the military, joining the Navy from October 1966 to October 1972. He served in the Vietnam War on the USS Enterprise, and was honorably discharged. Following his years of military service, he became an employee of New York Telephone Company in 1973 where he excelled and received many promotions through dedicated years of service. In 1976, Bob transferred from New York Telephone to Pacific Northwest Bell, where he continued to excel in the company.

Early 1979, Michelle took it upon herself to find her roots and went to the last known address of her grandparents, her paternal grandmother (affectionally known as Mater') welcomed her with open arms. Shocked, happy, surprised and elated, Mater hugged and rushed her into

the house and within minutes the rest of the family was present welcoming her "HOME" while Bobby was on the phone in Seattle. This was the second happiest day of Bobby's life when only compared to her birth.

Following the reunion of Michelle with her father, Linda and Bobby also reunited, married and became a family of four that included his beloved stepson, Dwayne Curtis. The family relocated to Seattle, Washington for many years. Bobby returned to New York in 1995 where he worked hard before settling in Atlanta, Georgia in 2003 with his daughter due to ill health. He loved being with family and making people laugh and having a good time.

Bobby leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter Michelle, son Dwayne, four grandsons Michael, Robert, Anthony, Andre, three granddaughters, Starlis, Ashley, Chlorey, Son-in-Law Earl, three great-grandsons Makai, Chase and CJ, five sisters, Ruth, Helen, Maryann, Claudia, Nancie, one brother, George, five brothers in laws, Marty, Frank, Jack, Thomas, Buster, two sisters in laws Carol and Sheila and was unfortunately preceded in death by his brother Walter. Bobby or (UB) also leave to cherish his memories a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

We all cherished his beautiful spirit and will be greatly missed. We love you. May you rest in peace.

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr  
Canton, GA 30114

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy  
Decatur, GA 30034  
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## Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

SEP 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TC

“ *Amazing! Simply AMAZING!!  
Beautiful Home Going. I could not stop Crying. Like a Baby. I LOVE BOBBY and the entire family! Always have and Always will. The Houston Family is and will Always be A Great wonderful Warm Caring Loving Family. A Strong Family. That's who they are. To know them is to Love them. I know them. I could go on and on. Thanks for the Memories (Bobby) Rest in peace. We had a Great Ride! By the way. Please give your Mom a Kiss for me. She was an Unbelievable Amazing Person. I Truly LOVED her So much. We will ALL see you Again ONE DAY my Brother. Once again to the Family. What an AMAZING SERVICE! LOVE YOU GUYS! NOTHING BUT LOVE!*  
Tommy

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**Thomas Chalmers** - September 18, 2021 at 08:26 PM

MR

“ *Rest In Peace Bobby !! I remember all the parties I went to with the big brothers.*  
  
*With love Monica*

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**Monica Rouse** - September 18, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert Cedell Houston.*



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September 16, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert Cedell Houston.



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September 16, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert Cedell Houston.



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September 16, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ *I am keeping the Houston Family in my thoughts and prayers as you celebrate the life of Robert.*

*God bless you and comfort you,*

*Dr. Randolph Haywood Jr. and family*

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**Dr. Haywood** - September 16, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ *Love Dr. Randolph Haywood Jr., & Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Robert Cedell Houston.*



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**Love Dr. Randolph Haywood Jr., & Family** - September 16, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Cedell Houston.*



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September 15, 2021 at 10:06 PM

KB

“ Remembering Robert (Bobby) Houston.

*Bobby always provided life learning experiences going way back to my childhood. The first life lesson, I had to be about 4, or 5 years old how to protect yourself. Bobby slapped me upside my head before showing how raise my hands. My reaction was “ That crispy MF slapped me.” Yes at that age I was a piece of work.*

*Bobby said “ Try to be prepared for anything. You never know what’s coming your way.” You wouldn’t believe the impact that wisdom had on me. It prepared me to catch belts in mid air in attempts to evade*

*Butt whippings & more. Part of childhood I was raised around the Houston clan. Their were eight siblings.*

*Bobby job moved him out of Brooklyn New York. When Bobby came back for a visit he had a must see list before he leaves. My grandmother was on that list. After spending that quality time with my grandmother Bobby always had a moment for me & my brother.*

*Being older Bobby speaking topics varied . My favorite was the woman. Bobby didn’t care what race females were. Bobby emphasized about being respectful to women. Most of all knowing the difference between women you enjoy & difference about that special one. No doubt their were a few special ones but the their can be that one who stands apart from the pack.*

*Last, Bobby campaigned to get back the love of his life Linda, building a relationship with his children & building generational wealth. In Bobby’s prime he aspired to help his family. These last points mentioned about my Cuz will be most remembered & cherished*

*With unconditional love Rest In Peace my Cuz.*

*KJB.*

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Kevin Brown - September 15, 2021 at 06:09 PM

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*MY BROTHER, MY LONG TIME FRIEND AND RUNNING BUDDY!!! I HAVE MANY, MANY MEMORIES AND STORIES OF OUR ESCAPADES THAT I CAN'T REPEAT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, BUT CAN, TO THOSE WHO KNEW BOBBY, AKA "TUTU" !!! I'M GOING TO MISS YOU DEARLY!!!! SEE YOU SOON BROTHER BOB..... LOVE, BROTHER BUS, AKA "PAPI, AKA "OSCAR"!!!!!!*

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**Buster Tiangco** - September 19, 2021 at 10:56 AM