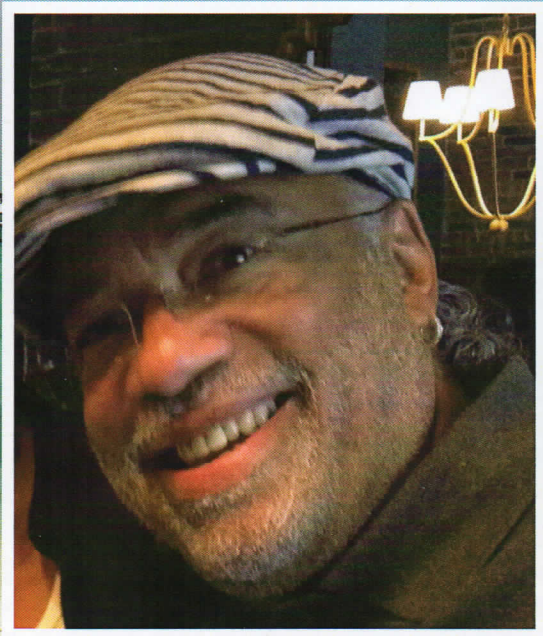


# CELEBRATION OF LIFE



*Harold Thomas Hofman, Jr.*

**April 20, 1951 to October 15, 2015**

# One Happy Soul...

**HAROLD THOMAS HOFMAN, JR. (Hop)** of Lynn, Massachusetts passed away on October 15, 2015. Harold was born on April 20, 1951, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Harold T. Hofman, Sr. and Pearl (Adams) Hofman. He was the youngest of three children. He spent his formative years in Darby Township, PA. and graduated from the Darby Township High School. In high school, he was a member of the basketball team and was instrumental in helping his team win the Pennsylvania state championship. Harold continued his education at Cheney State College and then transferred to Boston College to play basketball.

After college, he was employed by the Edison Electric Company, the Long Island Railroad, and Amtrak. In June of 2014, Harold retired from the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad where he was the Chief of Equal Opportunity and Diversity. He worked approximately 42 years in the transportation industry. He was most proud of the many Lynn Classical students, and residents that he helped to gain employment in the industry. He always felt that he had a responsibility to help others and made sure to do just that.

Harold had a passion for cooking, traveling and sports. He attended culinary school in New York and at one point co-owned a catering company. In addition to cooking, he loved sports. He coached the JV Lynn Classical Basketball team for the last 20 years of his life. He enjoyed coaching the team with his longtime friend, Kenny Turner. Harold enjoyed traveling immensely; He looked forward to his annual trip to his One Happy Island, Aruba.

Though cooking, traveling, and sports were dear to his heart, Hop had a great love for music and spent many hours listening to and playing music. He had an enormous jazz collection. While he dabbled on the piano, his instrument was the Alto Saxophone. His sisters have great memories of Harold walking them down the street still playing his sax. His daughters have great memories of their dad playing music for them on the piano while they were growing up.

Harold was a fun loving person; always ready for a party. His positive energy was contagious. He would light up any room he entered and would leave a long lasting impression. Harold never hesitated to let you know he cared or was thinking about you. He would always say, "Did I tell you I loved you today?", "Where's the love?" and "Just Checking on Ya!"

Harold leaves to cherish his memories his best friend and partner of 26 years, Michelle Mitchell; his two daughters, Aliyah Hofman (Terrence) and Najah Hofman; his son, Gjasi Leite; his adopted daughter, Maya Newton; his sisters, Pat Hofman and Rev. Paula Alexander (Harolton); his cousin who is like a brother: Thomas Williams; his uncle: James (Duttie) Williams; his nieces and nephews, Denise Reynolds (Fred), Shari Deshields Spencer Deshields, Sasha Gilbert and Mark Hooper, whom he talked to every day after he got off of work; the Mitchell family – Roberta, Allen and Allison; and his many great-nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will miss him.

In True Hop Fashion, **"This is his story, and we are sticking to it!**

# Order of Service

Musical Preludee

**Opening Words**  
Rev. Henry Johnson  
1st Baptist Church  
Cambridge, MA

**Musical Selection – Stand By Me**  
Rev. Henry O. Johnson, Jr.

**Scripture Reading**  
Rev. Viola Morris Buchanan

**Reading of Celebration of Life**  
Leroy Eldridge  
Musical Selection

**Tributes to Harold Hofman, Jr.**  
Mr. Barry Osborne  
Mr. Tony Seaford  
Ms. Shari Deshields

**Musical Selection – It is well With My Soul**  
Minister Bernard Smith  
Bethlehem Baptist Community Church

**Message of Good News**  
Rev. Henry O. Johnson, Jr.

**Benediction**  
Rev. Henry Johnson



## Repast

October 27, 2015  
Community of Brotherhood  
15 Coburn Street  
Lynn, MA 01902  
Immediately following service

## Internment

October 29, 2015  
Mount Lawn Cemetery Hook Road  
Sharon Hill, PA 19079  
11:00 AM

## Acknowledgements

During our time of sorrow  
we learn how much our  
family and friends mean to us  
Your kindness and sympathy  
will always be remembered  
by the family of Harold T. Hofman, Jr.

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157 Maple Street  
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