

*Homegoing*  
CELEBRATION  
*for....*



RAYMOND  
*Bearden*

SUNRISE: JANUARY 4, 1941

SUNSET: JUNE 11, 2026

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Wake 10:00am Funeral 11:00am

Nabors Family Funeral Home

470 West 172nd Street - Thornton, Illinois 60476

Rev. Anthony T. Coleman, Officiating



## AFTERGLOW

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.*

*I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,*

*Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;*

*Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*

Arrangements Entrusted to:

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Lillie Nabors, L.F.D.E.

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*Expect Great Service...  
and Receive Greater.*

# THE LIFE REFLECTIONS OF RAYMOND BEARDEN

**Raymond Bearden** was born January 4, 1941, as the youngest child to Jewel Body in Chicago, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his mother Jewel, sister Muriel, brother Eugene, and daughter Lilyian.

**Raymond** attended public school in Chicago and grew up in an area of the city that was known for birthing many musical artists, actors, politicians and more. In this area, he met Marion Louise, after she moved to Chicago from Montgomery, Alabama in 1956. A fondness for each other grew and in 1976, they began to share life together until her death in 2007.

**Raymond** began his professional career working for Fantozzi and Trucco, a liquor distribution company, however, due to economic changes in 1979, he found himself on a journey to discover a new path. This path ultimately led him to the Cook County Board of Corrections where he worked as a Deputy Sheriff and Correctional Officer until his retirement.

Although many may remember Raymond's tough exterior, those who truly knew him discovered a man with a remarkable sense of humor and a gift for storytelling. He was an avid pool player who often outplayed friends and family in friendly wagers, and he had a deep passion for sports. Above all, Raymond was known for his love of music. His extensive collection reflected a wide range of genres, though classic R&B remained his favorite. His appreciation for music was shared with and enriched by Charlotte, Ambria, and Azaria, who introduced him to new styles and artists that he came to enjoy and embrace over the years.

On June 11, 2026, after a long battle with various health challenges, Raymond transitioned into eternal rest. He leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted daughter, Charlotte Anekwe and granddaughters, Ambria and Azaria Anekwe; sister Nervine May and a host of family and friends (close and estranged).

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional – Pastor Anthony Coleman

Scriptural Reading – Juancetta Lindsey

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks (2 minutes)

Obituary Reading – Arika Brittany

Eulogy – Charlotte Anekwe

Final Viewing

Benediction – Pastor Anthony Coleman

Recessional

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*Your sympathy in our recent loss will long be remembered.*

*Thank you sincerely for all that you have done for us in our time*

*of need. We deeply appreciate your kindness.*

*Sincerely, Charlotte, Ambria and Azaria.*