



## Hervin Rattray

October 15, 1936 - July 15, 2025

Hervin Rattray was born on October 15, 1936, and passed away on July 15, 2025 at the age of 88 years old. He is survived by his wife, Pat Rattray, his four children, sons, Anthony, Ainsley, and Andrew; and daughter, Patricia; and four grandchildren.

Hervin was born in Jamaica and in early adulthood immigrated to the United States of America. While he initially started a family in New York City, they eventually settled in Stamford, CT.

Hervin's achievements were many, as he strove for a life of faith, accomplishment, service, and community. He committed his life to Jesus wherever he was, and his devotion to his faith was admirable. Hervin worshiped not just as a member of the church but served as a deacon to support others in his congregation at Bronx Baptist Church, where by 1999 they recognized his 30 years of dedication. Hervin also committed himself to community service as a mentor, dedicating decades of his life to helping young African-Americans. In 1976, he was recognized by the National Alliance of Businessmen for promoting economic and educational opportunities in young people as part of their Youth Motivation Task Force. He would later be placed as a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Stamford's Yerwood Center in 1981. Even in his retirement, he participated in the African Mentoring Program for 18 years in Flagler County Florida, a

program dedicated to ensuring young people gain a strong sense of ethics and discipline—traits that Hervin embodied throughout his life. For this service he was recognized with the AAMP Presidential Award of Merit for Outstanding Volunteer Service for Mentoring by the Flagler County School District & also recognized for 15 years of dedicated service to First Baptist Church of Palm Coast.

For his profession, Hervin was an accountant. In 1972 he graduated from Bernard M Baruch College part of the CUNY system with his Bachelor's degree in business administration with accounting as his focus. He continued his studies and earned a Master of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Connecticut in 1977. His knowledge and experience were formally recognized not just in the 25 years of loyal employment with GTE, prior to its acquisition by Verizon, but also in his election to the National Association of Accountants in 1975.

His brilliance was valued in other areas as well. From contributing as a valued member of Connecticut's Career and Technical Education Board of Directors in 1998, to being a Lifetime Member of the National Association for The Advancement of Colored People in 2014, Hervin's care for his community could not be overstated but the most important people to him were his family. Hervin's spirit of diligence, purpose, and generosity has been a gift for us all, and has ensured that a part of him will remain with us always.

Visitation hours were held on Saturday, August 2nd from 9am to 12pm at Stamford Baptist Church, 602 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT, a Prayer Service followed at 12pm.

If you wish to make a remembrance for the family, you may sign the family guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Stamford Baptist Church  
602 High Ridge Road  
Stamford, CT 06905

## Prayer Service

AUG 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *I am truly sorry to hear about Hervin's passing.  
I knew him for many years at GTE.  
My sympathies go out to his family.  
May he Rest in Peace.  
R. Gartelman*

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**Robert Gartelman** - August 02, 2025 at 08:41 PM