



Arthur B. Hill

July 11, 1950 - December 19, 2008

Arthur Barry Melton, son of Augustus Melton and the late Sadie B. Melton was born on July 11, 1950 in Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. He attended the New York Public School system and although he excelled very well, it was on his own self determination to learn more on his own is when he really excelled. His vast collection of books on black history, politics, religion, sports and other interest can attest to this. He read them all.

Barry was also an avid record collector, his rare collections are unmatched. Authors who wrote biographies of singers would ask for his advice and assistance, among them is Daniel Wolf who wrote "You Send Me" The Life and Times of Sam Cooke, Barry is mentioned in the discography section of his book. Now when it came to boxing, Barry was really in his element. Not only a great boxer in his own right, Barry helped so many other fighters in attaining their goals in becoming champions that he even set his own goals aside. That just was his own unselfish way of helping others.

Barry was a real humanitarian, he cared about people very much. He would even give a stranger money or assistance more than what was needed. If anyone in his family had a conflict and needed assistance, he was always there. Barry could've been any thing he wanted to be, but he could not be bought or sold. He did not care to profit if he was to lose his soul. He was his own man.

Barry's problem was that he couldn't be everywhere all the time, he wished he could. He loved his children very much and probably would hope that you all will love each other, stick together and stay in contact with each other, you all are a part of him, you all are family, you all are one.

Barry is survived by his father Augustus, brothers: Reggie, Gus Jr. and Dorian, sisters: Nancy and Sandra, aunts: Lois and Dot and a host of children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Arthur B. Hill*

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“ *I am deeply saddened to learn of Barry's passing, We had a special friendship. My prayers are for his family.*

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