



## Rufus Carl Gordon, Sr.

January 20, 1932 - July 20, 2010

Carl Gordon, African American Character actor of stage, TV, and film, passed away early this morning. Born in Goochland, VA, on January 20th, 1932, Carl began his acting career after serving in the United States Air Force. He was a Brooklyn College graduate who went on to study acting at Gene Frankel Theatre Workshop in New York City.

His accomplishments span from Broadway Theater in the Pulitzer Prize winning Play: “The Piano Lesson”; “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom”, “Ain’t Supposed To Die A Natural Death” , and “The Great White Hope” to Film and Television: He played the patriarch, Andrew on “ROC” Live and he appeared in The Wedding , Love Song, Felicity, ER, Sesame Street and The Practice, to name a few. He appeared in over 30 plays for the Negro Ensemble Company. He is the recipient of honors and awards from the NAACP Theatre Awards, Nomination for Best Supporting Actor, 1991; County of Los Angeles Commendation, CA State Senate Award, Recognition of Time and Effort for Youth , 1997 and Carl received “The Living Legend Award at the 12th National Black Theatre Festival, August 2001.

His next project as the Character, Rudy in “Somebody’s Hero” director by Darin Beckstead is now in post-production.

Carl Gordon died of Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma Cancer. He was 78.

A private memorial celebration of his life will be held in VA in August.

## Cemetery Details

Private

## Previous Events

**Service**

AUG 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

Private

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rufus Carl Gordon, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Condolences to the family of Rufus Carl Gordon, Sr. I enjoyed his acting and know he will be greatly missed.*



**DEBORAH KANE** - February 22, 2019 at 07:49 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

**March Funeral Homes** - July 22, 2010 at 04:32 PM