

## **Martin Forrester**

Martin C. Forrester was born in New York, New York on February 24, 1934. He was a graduate of Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and worked as a Legislation Analyst, for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU); Labor Education Advisor for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Quito, Ecuador; a diplomat with the State Department stationed in Lima, Peru, Caracas, Venezuela, Paris, France, and as Consul General in Gothenburg, Sweden. He was also State Department Fellow for Mayor Marion Barry. Upon his retirement from the State Department, he was Director, International Affairs for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). Martin passed away on March 6, 2022, after a lengthy battle with renal failure and cancer. A private celebration of life will be held for family and friends at a later date. Martin is survived by his wife, Jane Forrester, children: Alfonso Forrester, Byron Forrester, Roxanne Coaxum, Craig Forrester (deceased) and Karl Forrester; stepchildren: Channing Phillips, Sheilah Peterson, Tracy Whiteman, Jill Nesbitt and John Phillips, grandchildren, great grandchildren, in-laws and several relatives.