

Home Going Celebration for

Sunrise
December 25, 1939

Sunset
October 3, 2010

Leroy Allen, Jr.

Services

Saturday, October 9, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, NY 10027

*Elder Warren Adams, Officiating
Bishop Gregory Bowden, Sr.
Glorious Praise Baptist Church - Presiding*

Obituary

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Hence forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

(II Timothy 4:6,8)

Leroy Allen, Jr., affectionately known to his family as “Roy,” answered God’s call at 2:55 a.m. Sunday morning, October 3, 2010. Truly he had “fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith.” Roy started this journey on December 25, 1939 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, the son of the late Leroy, Sr. and Mable Allen. His childhood years were spent in Rocky Mount before moving to New York City in 1959. Shortly upon his arrival in New York City he met Gladys Marie Gardner and they married in 1960. They blissfully celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past July. From this union, three children were born: one son, Anthony Allen, two daughters, Wyntress Allen and Leisa Allen.

Leroy was a scholarly student at Booker T. Washington High School and upon graduation he spent several years playing minor league baseball with The Giants. He later relocated to New York City to pursue a career in the retail sales industry. After dedicating thirty-one years to the profession Leroy retired and remained in New York City with his family whom he cherished.

Roy received great joy in displaying his culinary skills and often prepared elaborate meals for family and friends. Though serious-minded about many aspects of his life, he will also be long remembered for his great sense of humor.

Precious and cherished memories remain with those he loved dearly: **wife**, Gladys Marie Allen (NYC); **one brother**, Rudolph Allen (Rocky Mount, NC); **one son**, Anthony Allen (NYC); **two daughters**, Wyntress Allen (Wilmington, NC) and Leisa Allen Diaby (NYC); **one son-in-law**, Ahmed Diaby (NYC); **one sister-in-law**, Dorothy Allen (Rocky Mount, NC); **one brother-in-law**, Andrew Gardner (Ivanhoe, NC); **grandchildren**, Joshua and Victoria Allen (Petersburg, VA), Lanell Williams (NYC), Donell Allen (Wilmington, NC), Robert and Dontae Strong (Wilmington, NC), Jacob and Shania James (Wilmington, NC), Ramel Allen (NYC), Ebony Allen (NYC), Cheryl Mulligan (NYC) and Vivian Canada (NYC); **great grandchildren**, Brea Canada, Kiara Williams, Cynthia Allen, Donell Allen, Jr., Zephaniah, Nariah and Paris Allen; **nieces and nephews**, Kimberly Allen (Virginia Beach, VA), Yolanda Allen (Brooklyn, NY), David Allen (Brooklyn, NY), Carolyn Donaldson (Miami, FL), Cynthia Murray (Miami, FL), Moses Murray (Miami, FL), Daryl Mattox (Miami, FL), David Brown (NYC); **great nieces and nephews**, Brandon, Tyler, Connor and Aubrey Beamer (Virginia Beach, VA), Marc and Sheila Donaldson (Miami, FL), Tamekia and Anthony, Jr. Fisher (Miami, FL), Keith and Dante Murray (Miami, FL); and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional “I Am Free”

Selection “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Atiya Boyd

Scripture Reading
Old Testament Job 19:25-27
New Testament John 3:16-18

Prayer of Comfort Bishop Gregory Bowden, Sr.

Reflections (*Limit 2 minutes*)
As a Cousin Raymond Bowden
As a Grandson Lanell Williams
As a Granddaughter - Poem Ebony Allen

Solo “It Is Well With My Soul”

Acknowledgements
& Reading of Obituary Carolyn Donaldson

Selection “Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross”

Eulogy Elder Warren Adams
Bethel Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Final Viewing

Recessional “I’ll Fly Away”

<p style="text-align: center;">Interment <i>Maple Grove Cemetery</i> <i>Hackensack, New Jersey</i></p>

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty.”
Psalm 91:1

Repast
St. John Paul II Community Center
202 West 141 St., New York, New York 10030

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

Pall Bearers

- Anthony Allen
- Ramel Allen
- Marc Donaldson
- Lanell Williams
- Anthony Thompson
- Raymond Bowden

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions, love, concern and kindness shown to them during this time of bereavement. May God richly Bless each and every one of you.



** Special Acknowledgments **

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