

*In Loving Memory of*

A portrait of a man with a mustache, wearing a white turtleneck and a dark, patterned jacket, set against a background of a blue sky with white clouds.

*Adrian Blackman*

*Sunrise*  
*July 20, 1963*

*Sunset*  
*February 2, 2011*

*Sunday, February 13, 2011 - 5:00 p.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

*Rev. Edward Culvert, Officiating*  
*Minister Tyrone Richardson*

## Obituary

**Adrian (Billy) Blackman** was born on July 20, 1963, in Jamaica, Queens, New York to the late Alphonso (Micky) Blackman and Lillian Smith Blackman. He attended schools in Queens and Brooklyn, NY.

Billy joined the US Army in 1988, where he served his country for nine years and was a veteran of Desert Storm. While stationed in Germany, he met his wife, Ms. Jerry Lynette. From that union, a son was born, Rashawn Jamel Blackman. Billy received an honorable discharge from the US Army in 1999.

After returning home from the war, Billy worked as a correction officer for the Georgia Correctional Facility for Children and later became a professional tractor trailer driver, which enabled him to travel all over the country. Billy would often take Rashawn with him on the tractor trailer during the summer breaks.

After working several years as a driver, Billy was forced to retire, due to extenuating medical conditions.

Billy was a dedicated and devoted father. Even though he was critically ill, he refused to leave Georgia because he wanted to remain close to his son.

The family would like to express special thanks to the staff at the VA Hospital in Georgia and the Atlanta Medical Center, where Billy spent his final days.

Today, we say farewell to a very special, son, father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his mother, Lillian Blackman; his son, Rashawn Blackman; a brother, Al Potts-Blackman; a sister, Tamia Blackman-Santana; the late Joseph and Beatrice Blackman family; the Crawford family, the Graham Family, the Bell and Potts families, the Quarles family, the Knight family, the Anderson family, the Shaw family, the Davis family, the Payne family; the Smith family and the Brown family; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional ..... “Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior”

Hymn ..... “Truly Wonderful That I Am A Child of God”  
OR “Going up to Meet Him”

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Consolation

Obituary

Tributes

Hymn ..... “Lean on Me” - Bill Withers

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional ..... “Never Could Have Made It”

**Interment**

*Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York*

## *I'm Free*

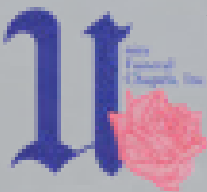
*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.

*A special acknowledgment and appreciation to Marvin and Stacy Crawford and Michael Graham, Jerri Spraggins for all of their help through this time and a special Godfather, Mr. Benjamin Payne.*



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