

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Clarence Leroy Pyle*

*Sunrise*  
*January 25, 1924*

*Sunset*  
*April 22, 2011*

*Thursday, April 28, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

## Obituary

**Clarence Leroy “Duke” Pyle** was born to the late Clarence and Ada (Nurse) Pyle on January 25, 1924 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The family eventually relocated to Harlem in New York City where he grew up with his two sisters the late Thelma Pyle and Daphne Pyle Sneed. Clarence attended the New York City Public School system and graduated from Dewitt Clinton High School. After graduating from high school, he worked at several jobs including one in the bathing suit industry until he started working for the United States Post Office as a Postal Clerk where he worked for thirty years until he retired in 1987.

Clarence took on the awesome responsibility of raising his three children (Rolanda, Diane and Kenneth Pyle) at a time when it was practically unheard of for a father to take sole responsibility of raising his children. He loved and adored his children and grandchildren and was a committed and dedicated father and grandfather.

He loved music, especially Jazz, his favorite singer was Gloria Lynne. He also loved the New York Mets, swimming, his dogs, playing cards and hanging out in Harlem his favorite place. Clarence was a dapper dresser and a smooth talker who loved to tell jokes. He had a great sense of humor.

To cherish his memory and mourn his passing he leaves: his three children, Rolanda Pyle of New Jersey, Diane Pyle of New York and Kenneth (his wife Lenice) Pyle of New York; five grandchildren, Tawana, Danielle, Kenny, Jr., Cherise and Nandi Pyle all of New York; niece, Valerie Sneed Lee of Massachusetts; nephew, James (his wife Felecia) Sneed of Georgia; along with a host of devoted relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Order of Service

Processional

Musical Selection

Prayer

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Scripture - Psalm 23 - Deacon Lela Stewart

New Testament Scripture - St. John 14:1-6- Minister Mary Lopez

Musical Selection ..... “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Remarks ..... “Reflections of the Duke”

Acknowledgements/Obituary ..... Laraine Fitchett.

Eulogy ..... Pastor Eunice Dowling

Viewing

Recessional



**Interment**

Mt. Rest Cemetery

Butler, New Jersey

## *The Broken Chain*

We didn't know that afternoon. God was going to call your name,  
In life we loved you dearly, in death we will do the same.

It broke our heart to lose you, you did not go alone,  
for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.  
You left us beautiful memories your love is still our guide,  
and though we cannot see you, you're always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

*by Ron Trammer*



### *Acknowledgement*

*We the family of **Clarence Pyle** would like to thank everyone for their kind support, cards, phone calls, visits and sympathy during our time of bereavement.*



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