

In Loving Memory of
Marshall McCullen



Sunrise
September 11, 1927

Sunset
July 1, 2011

Service

Monday, July 11, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

Pastor Denise McCullen, Officiating

Obituary

Marshall Ross McCullen was born in Harlem, New York to Delores Sutherland and Kenneth McCullen. He was educated through the New York City Public School system, and after completing High School, he enlisted in the United States Army. His final tour in the Army was in the Vietnam War. After being discharged, he returned to his beloved New York City, where he met Phoebe Naomi Shelton, and was married in 1949. From this union, eight children were born.

Marshall was an avid bowler. He loved the game of bowling and he particularly enjoyed bowling at Lenox Lanes in Harlem. Lenox Lanes was his home away from home. It was at Lenox Lanes where he won a numerous amount of trophies and racked up many high scoring games.

Marshall worked as a mail carrier for the United States Post Office. He enjoyed his job, walking and meeting people during his shift. One year before leaving his position as a mail carrier, Marshall took the position as a local postal instructor for the small postal truck. Then in 1989, he retired from the Post Office. In an effort to stay active, Marshall continued to work by doing small odd jobs.

Not long after his retirement, Marshall's health began to fail causing him to spend more time at home. He battled with heart problems, and other health related issues since 2005, but he fought them all. However, in 2008, Marshall was diagnosed with Lung Cancer, which he also fought, but he lost the battle in the early morning on July 1, 2011. Marshall was tired of fighting.

Left to mourn his passing: six children (four daughters/two sons/two sons-in-law/two daughters-in-law), Marquitta Williams (David Williams), Marshall McCullen Jr. (Mary McCullen), Melody McCullen of Brooklyn, NY, Pastor Denise McCullen of North Carolina, John McCullen (Denise McCullen) of Virginia and Maxine McCullen from Brooklyn, NY (daughter, Alicia Smith (John Smith) and son, Charles McCullen preceded him in death); twenty-one grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren; his partner, Bernice Buchannon of forty-two years; and those extraordinary neighbors at 835 and 1068 Gerard Avenue; special friends he made over the years as a bowler; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary Shakerra McCullen

Eulogy Pastor Denise McCullen

Selection

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

**To Those I Love
And Those Who Love Me**

When I am gone, release me, let me go-
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.

I give you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown;
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

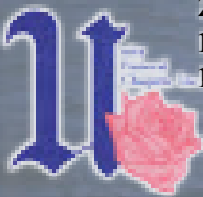
So grieve a while for me if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust,
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart,

I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near-
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must
Come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and say
"Welcome Home."

Acknowledgement

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