

In Loving Memory of
Lawrence E. George

Sunrise
January 16, 1933

Sunset
December 16, 2011

Service

Thursday, December 22, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

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2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

Obituary

Lawrence Emanuel George was born in New York City on January 16, 1933 to Ursula Testamark George and Adolph Emanuel George who were from St. John, US Virgin Islands. He was most commonly known as Bobby George, grew up in Harlem and spent most of his life in New York City. He passed away Friday night, December 16, 2011 in Hazelton, PA after a lengthy illness. He was predeceased by his sister, Dorothy George Cobb, his brother, Roy Hennessey and his parents.

As a child and as a young adult, Bob was determined to set his own course. He made a point of doing what he wanted and frowned upon anyone who tried to insist that he do anything that he did not want to do. He insisted on doing everything his way, which often put him at odds with others.

While in elementary school he met Anna Gertrude Greene and they had two daughters, Joanne and Stephanie. Anna died at the age of twenty and the two girls were raised by their grandparents, Cecil and Louise Greene in Harlem. In his early adulthood, he fathered two other daughters with the late Francine Johnson, Cheryl and Sharon. Bobby never married and though he is believed to have other children, he had no relationship with them.

After high school, Bobby was drafted into the Army and served in the Korean Conflict in the early 50's. He was active in the Army Reserves until 1960 when he was Honorably Discharged. After he returned home from active duty, the untimely death of his sister, Dorothy Cobb and his mother, Ursula George, Bobby became the Guardian of his three nephews, Anthony, Ulric and John Alan Cobb.

He was an entrepreneur with overlapping careers as a General Contractor and Real Estate Manager. He was an extremely independent person and taught everyone around him to be independent and self reliant. Although he didn't like school, he valued education and encouraged all members of his family to get the best education possible so that they would be able to take care of themselves.

Bob was a Chess Master and loved to spend many hours playing his favorite pastime. He taught chess and played chess at home, in Mt. Morris (Marcus Garvey) Park and several other parks throughout Harlem. This gave him tremendous joy and freedom. He enjoyed sitting over the chess board talking trash and laughing at the challenges the game presented. He believed it was a metaphor for life.

He was a founding member of the Kiwanis Club of Harlem and held many different positions of leadership. He also served as a District Governor of Kiwanis with responsibility for all of New York City and adjacent counties.

Lawrence George is survived by: his daughters, Joanne and Stephanie Greene, Cheryl George and Sharon Johnson; seven grandchildren (including two special grandchildren Abdul and Etosha); seven great-grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; his sister, Marilyn Sally of Brooklyn, NY; nephews, Anthony, Ulric, John Alan Cobb and John Hennessey; nieces, Roslyn, Ginger, Stacy, Towanda and Sharon; his uncle, Antonio Benjamin; and a host of other grand nieces, nephews, cousins from the Benjamin, Testamark and George families. He is survived by his long term companion, Ruth Abraham and the family they shared together. He will be missed by many friends and associates.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Eulogy

Selection

Committal

Viewing

Recessional



Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Repast:

*Following the Burial at about 3:00 p.m.
at Daughters of Princess Hardy, 160 West 127th Street
(between Lenox and 7th Ave.) family and friends are all welcomed.*

Act Of Hope

O my God, relying on your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting through the merits

Acknowledgement

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



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