

In Loving Memory of
Robert Warfield

Sunrise

September 5, 1929

Sunset

June 10, 2012



Service

Sunday, June 17, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.

MOUNT ZION A.M.E. CHURCH

1765 Madison Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Jo-An L. Owings, Officiating

Obituary

“Till Death Do Us Part”

On September 5, 1929 Robert Warfield was born to Viola and James Warfield in New York City's, Harlem Hospital. As an infant Robert traveled with members of his family to Charleston, South Carolina where he was raised by his Grandmother Ida Simmons affectionately known as “Mama”.

Robert remained in Charleston until the age of 17 when he returned to New York to complete his education at the Robert Louis Stevenson School where he earned both a Diploma and a Certificate in Electronics.

While living in New York City, Robert would eventually meet Ida Mikell who would later become Ida Warfield. Married for 61 years, Robert and Ida raised one son, Robert Warfield Jr. who predeceased his parents in 1996.

Both Robert and Ida had roots in Charleston and shared a love for staying connected to their extended families. One of 12 children, Robert was not shy about speaking up to defend himself or loved ones, nor was he timid about defending his country.

In 1951, Robert joined the armed forces where he proudly served as a member of the United States Army until his honorable discharge.

Always a tireless industrial worker, Robert often worked two jobs simultaneously. Robert worked as a shipping clerk for several years until he joined NYC's Transit Authority, where he worked for twenty-eight before retiring. Post retirement, Robert continued to work as a security officer at Madison Square Garden and the Jacob Javits Center right up until the time that he became ill.

Those who knew Robert well knew of his love for playing the saxophone. He seemed to believe strongly in the old adage, practice makes perfect as he was never one to shy away from an opportunity to serenade anyone who would listen.

Robert had a passion and zest for life which he was able to enjoy up until the very end thanks to his devoted wife. A true picture of love and devotion, Ida tirelessly made sure that he was taken care of even when she was physically unable to do so herself.

Robert, a longtime member of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, will always be remembered for his sense of humor, quick wit, passion for jazz, love of family and Charleston, South Carolina which he would often visit in his latest model Cadillac.

In eighty-two years of life, Robert touched the lives of many. To mourn his passing, Robert leaves his wife, Ida Warfield, one brother, Chester Warfield, three sisters, Viola Stephens, Carol Jenkins and Annette Monserrette, a goddaughter, Tanisha Byron, and a plethora of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends, who will miss him very much.

Order of Worship

Final Glimpse

ProcessionalMinister and Family

Hymn“Lift Him Up”

Prayer of Comfort

ChoirMt. Zion AME

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - I Corinthian 15:50-57

Acknowledgements

Church Resolution

Remarks (2 Minutes Please)Class Leader - Jean Jackson
Friends - Caroline Robinson (Resolution South Carolina)

Solo Jeanne Glenn Wright

ObituaryTanisha Byron

Solo..... Jeanne Glenn Wright

EulogyRev. Jo-An L. Owings

Committal

Benediction

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New Jersey</p>
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Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Repast

*North Community Room (Ground Floor)
129-133 West 147th Street*

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences
and best wishes during our time of bereavement.

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