



*A Celebration  
of Life  
for*

*Russell Leonard Mason*

*Sunrise  
February 5, 1941*

*Sunset  
May 23, 2012*

*Memorial Service  
Thursday, June 21, 2012 - 11:00 A.M.*

**The Chapel**

1761 Amsterdam Avenue  
New York, NY 10031

*Rev. Pat Lawson, Officiating  
Professor. Tyrone Patrick, Organist*

## *Reflections of Life*

The second of five children, **Russell Leonard Mason** was born to Edith and William Mason on February 5, 1941 in Staten Island, New York.

He attended and completed his education in New York City Public School System.

He was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman. Russell loved and enjoyed gardening.

He worked for more than thirty years for the New York Port Authority.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his sister, Barbara Villanueva; brother, Carl Mason; nieces, Stacey Villanueva, Nicole Nance, Aubrey Mason; nephews, Paris Mason, Kirk Mason and Lamont Mason; children he loved as his own, Kelly, Tracey, Reginald and Corey; close friends, Denise Robertson, Raymond Scott and Mikey; and a host of grandnieces, nephews, relative and friends.

Lovingly Submitted  
The family

# *Order of Service*

*Pre Service Music*

*Welcome*

*Call To Worship ..... Reverend Pat Lawson*

*Prayer of Invocation*

*Hymn of Celebration.....“Amazing Grace”  
Glenda Silver*

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament - Psalm 91*

*New Testament - Romans 8:35-39*

*Obituary.....(To be read in silence)*

*Eulogy ..... Reverend Pat Lawson*

*Prayer*

*Benediction*



## ***Footprints***

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD.*

*When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints.*

*He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".*

*-Mary Stevenson*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Russell Leonard Mason** wishes to thank each and everyone for their many acts of kindness shown at this time of sorrow. May God forever bless and keep you all.*

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