

*In Celebration and In Memory of*  
*Lawrence Milton Miner, Sr.*

*Sunrise*  
July 24, 1947

*Sunset*  
December 13, 2012



**Service**

Thursday, December 20, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY

*Rev. Cleotha Robertson, Officiating*

## Obituary

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."*  
II Timothy 4:7

**Lawrence (Larry) M. Miner, Sr.** was born in Harlem Hospital on July 24, 1947 to the proud parents of Reverend Elias Miner and "the late" Amelia Smith James Miner.

Larry was raised in Harlem, New York. His early Christian affiliation was at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church where he was a member of many auxiliaries while attending. Larry was educated in the New York City public school system. He attended P. S. 68, Wadleigh Junior High School and Commerce High School.

Larry joined the United States Air Force on May 11, 1967. He was honorably discharged October 5, 1971.

Larry was a Postal Police Officer for the United States Post Office from 1990 until he retired in 2003.

He was united in Holy matrimony to Lenora Brown Brandford on November 14, 1981. The union produced one son, Lawrence Milton Miner, Jr.

Growing tired of only seeing his friends at funerals, Larry and his friends created the Harlem Breakfast Club, which meets on the 2nd Sunday each month at the world renowned Amy Ruth's in Harlem on 116th Street.

He was an avid reader and an avid sports fan. Larry loved music. He was a music trivia wiz. You could not stump him on any question.

Larry was a dedicated father, uncle, godfather, brother and friend. If you were a friend of Larry's, he considered you family. He had a huge heart. He was diligent and dedicated in all he undertook. One of Larry's favorite quotes was "Proper planning prevents poor performance."

Larry touched many lives and will be missed dearly. He was preceded in death by his mother, Amelia Smith James Miner. He leaves to mourn: his father, Reverend Elias Miner; stepmother, Rosa Miner; the love of his life, his son, Lawrence M. Miner, Jr.; stepson, Michael Brandford (spouse Lanae); stepdaughter, Michelle Callendar (spouse Don); two grandsons, Antoine Brandford and Jahlan Callender; two sisters, Beatrice T. Williams and Wanda Howard; two brothers, Benjamin L. James, Sr. and Silas Smith; two aunts, Teresa Smith Simmons and Geneva White; godchildren, Monique Thompson, Kelli Williams, Chanel Reddick, Spencer and Ronalda Livingston; his special little buddy, Brandon; "special" friend, Beryl Bunce, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly submitted, The Family

# *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude ..... Mr. Michael Battle

Processional

Hymn ..... “Come Ye Disconsolate”

Prayer ..... Minister Herbert C. Williams

Solo ..... Miss Ronald O. Livingston

Scripture: Old Testament: Psalm 23 ..... Minister Chakka Conner

Scripture: New Testament: Revelation 21: 1-6

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. David Luckey  
Upper Room Baptist Church

Acknowledgements, by ..... Minister Diane Williams

Obituary ..... Beatrice E. Salley

Reflections:

1. Family

2. Friends/Acquaintances - 2 minutes each please

Solo ..... Ms. Diane Wright Garrett

Eulogy ..... Reverend Cleotha Robertson

Committal

Musical Selection ..... “Oh Danny Boy”

Benediction

## **Interment**

Calverton National Cemetery  
210 Princeton Boulevard  
Calverton, New York 11933-1031

*Please join us for a memorial brunch in memory of Larry following the return  
from the cemetery.*

*Clayton Apartments  
485 Lenox Avenue at 135th Street  
New York City*

*Use Community Room Entrance on West 134th Street*

### Pall Bearers

Kenneth V. James	Arthur Marsh
Kendu Armstrong	Abdul Salley
Matthew Salley	Chima Akujuo

### Honorary Pall Bearers

Clarence Reddick	Herbert Williams, Sr.	Henry Salley
George Green	Henry L. Salley	Larry James
Keith Williams	Kerry Watson	Robert Lee James

### *Oh Danny Boy*

Oh, Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling  
From glen to glen and down the mountain side  
The summer's gone and all the roses falling  
It's you, it's you, must go and I must bide  
But come ye back when summer's in the meadow  
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow  
It's I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow  
Oh, Danny boy, oh, Danny boy, I love you so  
But when ye come and all the flowers are dying  
If I am dead and dead I well may be  
You'll come and find the place where I am lying  
And kneel and say an 'Ave' there for me  
And I shall hear tho' soft you tread above me  
And all my grave will warmer, sweeter be  
For you will bend and tell me that you love me  
And I shall sleep in peace until you come to me.

### *Acknowledgement*

The Family of **Lawrence M. Miner, Sr.** will always remember with grateful appreciation your very kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy. *"Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part."*

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