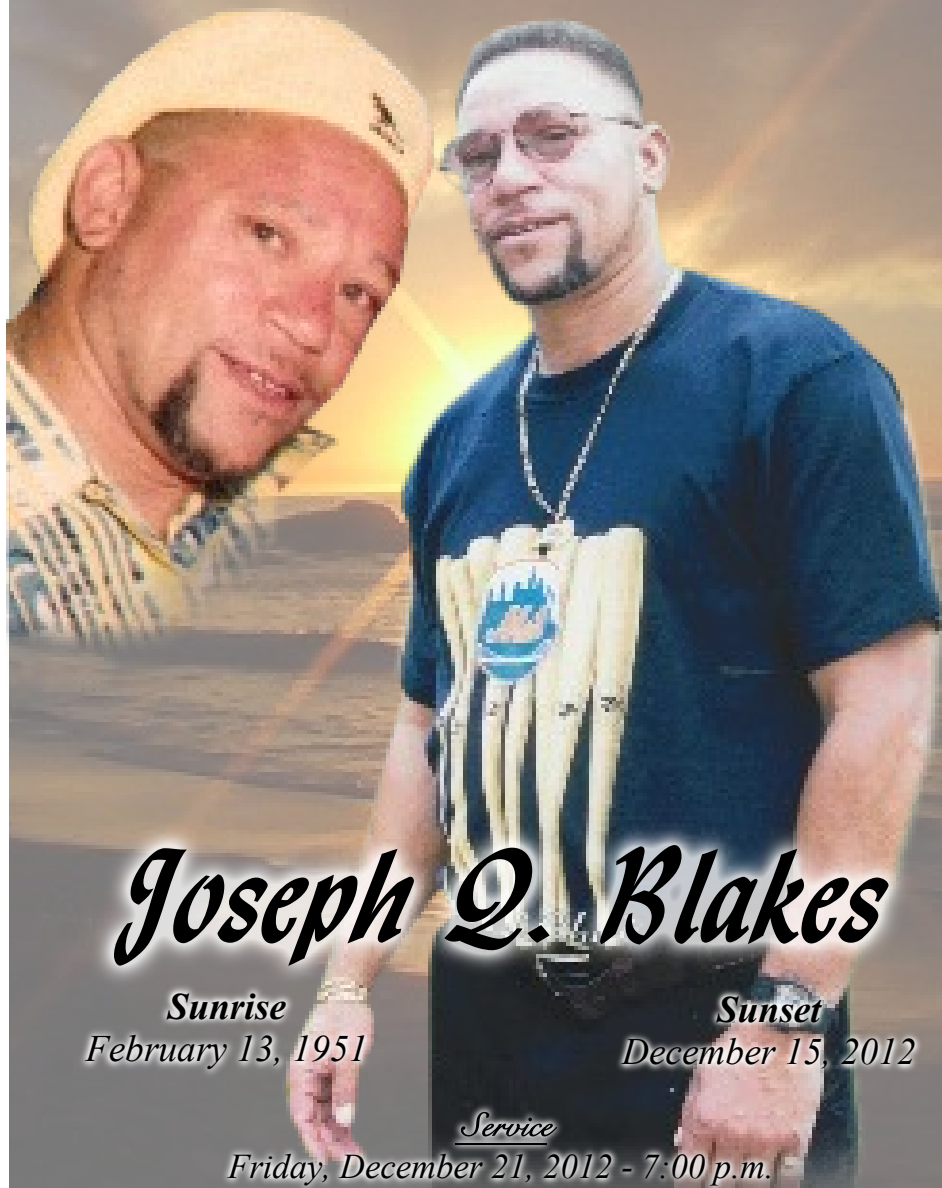


*In Loving Memory of*



***Joseph Q. Blakes***

*Sunrise*

*February 13, 1951*

*Sunset*

*December 15, 2012*

*Service*

*Friday, December 21, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.*

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## Obituary

**Joseph Quinton Blakes** was born on February 13, 1951 in Manhattan, New York. Joseph was the second of six children born to the late Joseph and Margaret Blakes. Joseph was loved by all who knew him.

Joseph received his formal education in the New York City Public School system. He began working at an early age. One of his earlier jobs was at a Cleaners and then at a Newspaper Delivery Service where he began delivering newspapers, then became the Supervisor. In 1985 he began his career with the New York City Sanitation Department as a Sanitation Worker. Joseph loved his job and after nineteen years of dedicated service, he retired due to illness.

Joseph survived many adversities in his life and lived by the motto "GOD grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change - Courage to change the things I can - and the Wisdom to know the difference."

Joseph had four passions in life, his family, playing spades, sports and bowling. Joseph was a true family man. Joseph was a devoted partner, father, grandfather, brother, nephew and friend. At family events he was always the first person looking to initiate a game of spades. He loved to watch basketball, football and baseball on television. He belonged to three bowling leagues. Four years ago he scored a perfect game (300). If he could have bowled everyday, he would have.

On Saturday, December 15, 2012 after suffering a long term illness, Joseph was called home to be with the Lord. He fought a long hard battle, but is now at peace.

He leaves to cherish his wonderful memory: his life partner, Elaine; one son, Joseph III; five daughters, Vendetta, Kecia, Camille, Jolissa and Nubia; eight grandchildren, Tiana, Jasmine, Malika, Alexis, Larry Jr., Imani, Quinton and Olivia; two sisters, Margaret Ann and Francie; one brother-in-law, Allen; one daughter-in-law, Marlene; two sons-in-law, Norman and Larry; one uncle, Joseph; one aunt, Ethel; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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## *Daddy*

*We will remember and cherish all  
the good times we had with you.*

*Love you always.*

*Your children*

## *Brother*

*We'll never forget you. How could we?*

*Some of our happiest and funniest  
moments have been with you.*

*You will always be in our thoughts and  
you'll be remembered with love.*

*And no matter what, we will always be*

*"The Blakes Six"*

*Love, Your Sisters*

## **Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

# *May I Go Now*

*Do you think the time is right?  
May I say goodbye to pain - filled days  
and endless lonely nights?  
I've lived my life and done my best,  
an example tried to be,  
So can I take that step beyond  
and set my spirit free?  
I fought with all my might,  
but something seems to draw me now,  
To a warm and lovely light.  
Thank you so for loving me,  
you know I love you too.  
That's why it's hard to say goodbye  
and end this life with you.  
So hold me now just one more time  
and let me hear you say,  
Because you care so much for me,  
you'll let me go today.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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