

Home Going Celebration For the Life of
Mr. Lester Lee Tanner

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: II Timothy 4:7-8



Sunrise
April 3, 1920

Sunset
February 11, 2013

Service

Thursday, February 21, 2013 - 11:30 a.m.

THE GREATER REFUGE TEMPLE
2081 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. • New York, NY
Bishop Charles Wright, Officiating

Obituary

Lester Lee Tanner was born on April 3, 1920 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia to the late James Tanner and Betty Mae Fergurson Tanner.

He was educated in the public school system in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Lester moved to New York City seventy years ago from Danville, Virginia. During his years of employment, he worked in the Millinery Industry for many years and in later years he worked as a New York City Taxi Cab Driver. He was married to the late Eleanor Keene Tanner and their union was blessed for fifty-two years.

Lester was a generous, friendly and kind man who loved people and he always enjoyed the company of family and friends. One could always find Lester with a ready smile on his face and he was always ready to help anyone in their time of need. He is responsible for doing majority of the tile work in Esplanade Gardens in buildings #2 where he lived as well as building #3.

He later joined Greater Refuge Temple where he remained faithful and attended regularly until his health failed.

Lester was preceded in death by four brothers, Clarence Tanner, Charlie Tanner, Norman Tanner, Ellis Tanner and one sister, Dorothy Mae Shackelford.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory: a daughter, Barbara T. Wilson (John) of Pelham, North Carolina; grandson, Monte J. Jackson of New York City; a sister, Mildred Tanner Warner of New Haven, Connecticut; stepson, Lonnie Tate of New York City; step-granddaughter, Cheryl Tate of Brooklyn, New York; step-great-granddaughter, Lani Chanel Tate of New York City; he also leaves numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and his church family.

“to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.”

II Corinthians 5:8

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Opening Selection.....Memorial Choir
Greater Refuge Temple

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Charles Wright
Greater Refuge Temple

Scripture Readings.....Bishop Charles Wright
Old Testament
New Testament

Musical Selection.....Memorial Choir

Acknowledgements/Tribute.....Funeral Director

Solo.....Aletha Edwards

Special Tribute.....Barbara Wilson, Daughter

Reading of Obituary.....(read silently/soft music)

Solo.....Latasha Jordon

Musical Selection.....Memorial Choir

Eulogy.....Bishop Charles Wright

Closing Selection.....Memorial Choir

The Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York

Repast:

*Repast will be at the W. L. Bonner Center
at 124th Street after the interment. All are welcome.*

Pall Bearers

Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces

When I am gone release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.
So grieve a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
Though you cannot see or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."

Acknowledgement From The Family

*The family of **Lester Lee Tanner** acknowledges with sincere appreciation your expressions of sympathy and kindness during the passing of our loved one. We are so grateful for your prayers, cards, visits and other acts of kindness. May God grant you His richest blessings.*

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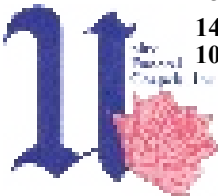
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