

In Loving Memory of



James Miller

Sunrise
March 2, 1929

Sunset
June 10, 2013

Service
Friday, June 14, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS INC.
2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY

Obituary

James Odell Miller affectionately known as Pluggy was born March 2, 1929 in Beckley, West Virginia to the late Jake Cordoza Miller and Aquilla Miller. After eighty-four blessed years of life, he went home to be with the Lord on June 10, 2013.

Pluggy spent the early part of his life in West Virginia where he attended grade school and high school and then made his way to the Big Apple. Although born in West Virginia, it was here in Harlem, NY that Pluggy felt the most at home.

Pluggy met and married Naomi Harris in 1951 and from this union a daughter, Cescelie Roxanne Miller, was born. Pluggy remained married to Naomi until 1960. In 1963 Pluggy then met and married Shirley LaForte with whom he began to raise a daughter, Sharon Collins. From the union of Pluggy and Shirley, two additional daughters, Sheryl Miller and Sharice Miller, were born. Pluggy remained married to Shirley until her untimely death in 1974. Years later, in 1979 Pluggy then met and married Claudia Anthony with whom he helped raise an additional daughter, Leslie McAllister.

As a young man, Pluggy worked alongside his father as a handyman and painter. For most of his adult life, Pluggy worked as a plumber. He took tremendous pride in providing for his family and enjoying life. When he was not working, he enjoyed traveling and was very much a people person and animal lover.

Pluggy was a well known and respected figure and fixture in the Harlem community. His charismatic personality, quick wit and sharp tongue were a few of Pluggy's memorable attributes. Pluggy was also known to be a man who was never afraid to speak his mind and his fearless spirit was a testimony of his strength and abilities. Everyone who knew Pluggy knew he was a force to be reckoned with.

Pluggy was preceded in death by his parents, Jake and Aquilla Miller and one brother, Julius Miller. He leaves to cherish his loving memory: former spouse, Claudia Anthony of New York; three daughters, Roxanne Miller of GA, Sheryl Miller Anderson and son-in-law, Timothy Anderson and Sharice Miller of NY; two step-daughters, Sharon Dember and son-in-law Daniel Dember of NY and Leslie McAllister of NJ; one niece, Doryce Mia Berry and husband, Clayton D. Berry of NC; four grandchildren, Melanie Miller of GA, Kevin Miller, Raven Miller and Ryan Dember all of NY and a host of relatives and dear friends who will miss him greatly. He will also be missed by his four legged best friend, Gray, who was his little buddy.

Order of Service

Processional Family

Opening Prayer Minister

Song “The Lord’s Prayer”
The Boys & Girls Choir of Harlem Alumni

Scripture Reading Psalm 23

Poem I’m Free

Obituary Melanie Miller

Musical Selection Tyneshia Hill
The Boys & Girls Choir of Harlem Alumni

Acknowledgments and Reflections

Benediction

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory
Bronx, New York

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name' sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: For thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou annointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.
-- KJV

When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years
But start out bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But fill each waking hour in useful ways
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
And hold you near
And never, never be afraid to die
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*
-Helen Steiner Rice

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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