



*A Celebration
of Life*

Kenneth Lawrence

Sunrise

November 6, 1953

Sunset

August 2, 2013

Service

Friday, August 9, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

60 West 132nd Street • New York, NY

Obituary

Kenneth Lawrence was born on November 6, 1953 in Harlem Hospital New York City to the late Henrietta and John A. Lawrence, Sr. He was the second child for Henrietta and the fourth for John. Kenny attended elementary school at P.S. 119 (Mary McCloud Bethune) and continued on to JHS 139 (Frederick Douglass), both in Harlem. After graduation, he attended Louis D. Brandeis where he received his first work experience by participating in a cooperative program at Irving Trust Bank. His formal education also included taking classes at the Borough of Manhattan Community College in the City University of New York.

Growing up in the St. Nicholas Housing Projects, Kenny was very active in organized community sports such as basketball, baseball and football. As an athlete he gained the nicknames “Kendo or Kenny Flash.”

Although Kenny suffered some personal setbacks, but managed to lead a productive life. Kenny was known to be generous and supporting to both family and friends. He had a personality/spirit that lit up the room and people enjoyed.

His career choices lead him to explore different areas but he found his passion at the Taxi and Limousine Commission where in his position as Industry Representative he relentlessly debated with judges and defended taxi drivers in court. Kenny had held this position for over fifteen years, where he acquired many dedicated co-workers, love ones especially Sandy and Rosita and multiple friends.

Besides being a loving, caring, protective brother, Kenny was an extraordinary uncle, a giving relative and a trusted friend. While being a very private person with his time, he was always available in time of need for family and friends.

Kenny is survived by: his sisters, Dr. Barbara Lawrence and Pamela Lawrence; uncle, Chappelle Johnson of South Carolina; aunts, Ophelia Johnson and Delores Lance; nephews, Dijon Hicks and Shaquille Meggett; nieces, Terri Lawrence-Coleman, Monique Rutledge and Monee Gadson (The twins); cousins, Sara, Chappelle, Bonnie and Francene Johnson, Phephe and Celestine Parker, Thomas Miller, John and Valaria Lance, Melanie Johnson, Walker, Sharon, Freda, William, and Dr. Julius Johnson; grandnieces, Lakia Lawrence, Kyra Coleman, Ahron Gadsen and Rihane Joelle Hicks; grandnephew, Victor Hicks; “Aunt”, Delores Ramsey; and a host of more cousins. Additionally, Justine Peacock who he fathered as his own, two goddaughters, Joy Germin and Gabrielle Brooks; and a host of many, more who he’s touched throughout his life’s daily journey..Kenny may be gone, but Kenny by many will never be forgotten.

Order of Service

The Prelude

The Final Viewing

The Processional.....*Clergy and Family*

The Hymn of Triumph..... *“Amazing Grace”*

The Invocation

Solo..... *“Take Me To The King”*

The Scripture Reading.....*Psalm 32*

Reading..... *“I’m Free”*
Pamela Lawrence

Acknowledgement of Cards
and Resolutions.....*Valerie Payton*

Tributes

Reading of the Obituary.....*Terri Lawrence-Coleman*

Solo

Eulogy.....*Pastor Belin*

Recessional..... *“When We All Get To Heaven”*

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park Cemetery
Paramus, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

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words and prayers.*

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