



In Loving Memory of

Henry O. Dennis

Sunrise

December 3, 1920

Sunset

September 25, 2013

Service

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.

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Obituary

Henry Oliver Dennis of New York City, departed this life September 25, 2013 at the Fort Tryon Center for Rehabilitation & Nursing, in NYC at 8:13 p.m. He was born December 3, 1920 to the late Howard J. Dennis, Sr. and Sadie V. Burke Dennis in St. Michaels, Maryland. Also born to their union were, Edward Thomas, Elsie Valient, Irene Sophie, Howard J. Jr., Thomas Nicholas, Edgar James “Ba-Ba”, Edith O., Mildred J. and Owen Bruce, who preceded him in death.

He served several years in the U.S. Army, along with his three brothers, (Thomas Nicholas, Edgar James and Owen Bruce) and received a Honorable Discharge at the conclusion of World War II.

Henry was exposed at an early age to music from his family, and the Union United Methodist Church in St. Michaels where he heard many beautiful hymns and spirituals. He also enjoyed listening to his brothers and cousins who formed a jazz band and played for several occasions in towns on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. His love of music led him to leave his home, and relocate to New York City where he began vocal studies and the study of the Italian language, wherein he discovered he had a great talent as an operatic tenor. Henry was extremely proud of the certificate he received from the famous Soprano, Grace Bumbry when he was accepted to sing in her Master Class, which was sponsored by the David I. Martin Music Guild of the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc. in 1983.

Henry worked for several companies in New York City, but he was most proud of the fourteen years with the City of New York’s Human Resource Administration as a C/S Messenger. After his retirement in 1984, he spent his time singing and playing the piano for the senior citizen centers, and attending several churches, including the Salem United Methodist Church in Harlem, which he joined in 2006.

He leaves to cherish his memory: three nieces, Mrs. Jeanette Milbourne of St. Michaels, Maryland, Mrs. Delores (Binah) Williams, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mrs. Beverly McDew, of New York City; three nephews, Mr. John Dennis of Easton, Maryland, Mr. Bruce Dennis and Mr. Eric Dennis, both of Baltimore, Maryland; three great nieces, Mrs. Anuk Goodwin Stewart, of Ashburn, Virginia, Ms. Havona Waite of Los Angeles, CA, and Ms. Briana McDew of New York City; two great nephews, Mr. Emet Waite of Rancho Cucamongo, CA, and Mr. Shalave Waite of Los Angeles, CA; two devoted nephews-in-law, Mr. Ellie McDew and Mr. Gordon Williams; childhood friend, Ms. Piccola Camper, of St. Michaels, Maryland; and a host of great great nieces and nephews and friends.

*The family of the late **Henry Oliver Dennis** wishes to thank the staff of the Fort Tryon Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing and the NY Presbyterian Hospital (Allen Pavilion) for your compassionate care and dedication to our loved one.*

“A rare gem has been entrusted to your care by the Great Giver of Gifts”.

Gracefully Submitted, By The Family

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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