# In Loving Memory of Alfred Mitchell

Sunrise March 11, 1942 Sunset January 14, 2014

Service Thursday, January 23, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

### **UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027 *Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Officiating Rev. David Jenkins, Organist* 

## <u>Obituary</u>

To the delight of his parents, Anna Fabor Mitchell and Thomas Harry Mitchell, *Alfred Mitchell* was born on March 11, 1942, in Charleston, South Carolina. He was the third of five siblings. Alfred attended elementary and middle school in Charleston and when he came to New York in 1956 attended Samuel Gompers High School from which he graduated in 1960.

Instead of going to college Alfred opted to go into the service. He entered the United States Army and traveled to Germany as well as other areas of the world. Alfred came home with so much in the way of clothes and other artifacts of his journey that his sister, Delores, could see why he was called Mr. Cool. He was one sharp dude and who else would wear sunglasses at night? He met up again with his childhood friends (Melvin, Phil, Rudy, Peter, etc.) and they restarted the friendships that have remained solid until this very day. Alfred valued friendship as much as he valued family.

Soon Alfred met the love of his life, Rebecca Casey-Mitchell, known to everyone as Ernestine (Ernie), as she was so fondly addressed by him. Alfred and Rebecca were in a loving relationship for over forty-nine years. They had one child to this union, Katrina. Ernestine had three other children, (Pamela, Tonya and Ronald) whom Alfred loved and raised as his own.

Alfred became a corrections officer and retired from the New York State Department of Corrections after twenty-five years. Still being a young man he began to enjoy his life more by getting a new car (loved driving) every other year, going to Atlantic City with Ernie often, visiting his children in Memphis, Tennessee every year, sitting in front of his big screen television watching the news, sports, etc. very laid back guy. He was a dedicated Mason and attended his meetings faithfully.

Alfred was preceded in death by his parents, Anna and Thomas Mitchell, brother, Joseph Mitchell and son, Ronald known as Jonesy.

With much sorrow Alfred leaves to mourn his passing: his loving companion, Ernie; daughters, Katrina Casey, Pamela Stevison (Luther), and Tonya Booker (James) all of Memphis, Tennessee; three sisters, Thelma Browne and Delores Forbes of New York, and Ethia Davis of Maryland; one brother, Thomas Mitchell of New York; ten grandchildren, Tiaira, Christine, Bilal, Tahir, Jamoni, Selathia, Chelsea, Braxton, Mikaela and Caleb; six great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of other family members and friends who loved him and was loved by him.

## <u>Order of Service</u>

#### Processional

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament	Minister Tony Lemon
Prayer	Minister Lebrian Harris
Musical Selection	Rev. David Jenkins
Poem	Denise Lyles
Words of Encouragement	. Brother Freeman Smalls
Musical Selection	Rev. David Jenkins
Obituary (silently read)	
Reflections (3 minutes please)	
Acknowledgements	Genise Forbes
Solo	Pamela Parker-Stevison
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Final Viewing

Recessional

#### <u>Interment</u>

Friday, January 24, 2014 - 11:30 a.m. Leaving from 2569 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New York, NY at 10:00 a.m. Esplanade Gardens Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York

## The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you. My loved ones, oh so dear. But you see, the Master called me, His voice was very clear! I had made my reservation A heaven bound ticket for one, And I knew that He would call me When He felt my work was done. I know that your hearts are heavy Because I have gone away, But when the Master called me, I knew that I could not stay. Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you My loved ones, oh so dear, But, you see, the Master called me And, now I'm resting here. Yes, I've crossed on over to glory And to you all I say Just stay in the hands of Jesus And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

Active Pallbearers Euclid Lodge No. 70 Prince Hall Masons of the State of New York

#### Acknowledgement

The family of Alfred Mitchell would like to express their heartfelt thanks and gratitude during our loss which goes out to everyone who cared. "May the Lord watch between thee while we're absent one from another" In Jesus name Amen.

> Lovingly submitted, Mitchell Family



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