

In Loving Memory of



Clinton L. Kelley

Sunrise
July 24, 1950

Sunset
March 18, 2014

Service
Friday, March 28, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Today we come together to celebrate the life of **Mr. Clinton Leroy Kelley**, affectionately known as “**Leroy**”. Clinton was born to the late Blanch and Ada Kelley on July 24, 1950 in Harlem, New York. He was raised in Wagner Projects. He departed this life on March 18, 2014 in Albert Einstein Hospital with his loved ones by his side.

Clinton graduated from Louis Brandeis High School in 1968. During his youth, he met, fell in love and married Arlene Wall. During their marriage Clinton and Arlene had two children, Clinton Leroy Kelley, Jr. and Tamika Shermayne Kelley.

Clinton went back to school in 1981 and received a degree from Marist College in Juvenile Justice. He later met Hazel Robinson; together they had a daughter, Monae Robinson-Kelley who has blessed him with two grandsons, Dylan and Jacob Horton. For the last twenty-four years Clinton shared his life with Gwennlyn Adams, together during that time they had a beautiful daughter, Nykra Kelley.

Clinton was employed with the Local 1199 for nearly a decade; he eventually transitioned to an Eligibility Specialist position with the City of New York Department of Social Services; after twenty four years, he retired in July 2012.

Known for his sense of humor and love for classic western films, Leroy was a loving father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. He lived life by his own accord and made no apologies for it.

Clinton is survived by: his loving partner, Gwennlyn Adams; one son, Clinton Leroy Kelley, Jr.; three daughters, Tamika Shermayne Kelley, Monae Robinson-Kelley and Nakyra Kelley; two grandsons, Dylan Horton and Jacob Horton; two brothers, Clarence Nelson and Jamal Kelley; three sisters, Dolores Kelley, Barbara Kelley-Alexander and Sandra McClamb; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Clinton was preceded in death by two brothers, Leonard Kelly and Robert Douglas and one sister, Helena Shaw.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Clinton Kelley, Jr.

Prayer

Rev. Betty Gray

Selection

Poem

Ronny Zimmerman

Remarks

Obituary

Ronny Zimmerman

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Betty Gray

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory

Chester, New York



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

Acknowledgement

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

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