

In Loving Memory of



Melvin Eugene Kenney

September 4, 1930 – August 2, 2014

Thursday, August 7, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

202-03 Hollis Avenue • Hollis, NY 11412

Reflections of Life

Melvin Eugene Kenney Sr. was born on September 4th, 1930, to James and Ruth Kenney in Richmond, Virginia, where he attended school. In 1947 he joined the US Army and fought in the Korean War. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal, Bronze Star, and the United Nations Services Medal. Melvin was honorably discharged from the army on December 12, 1952.

Upon his discharge Melvin moved to New York City where he met Mary Blocker, the love of his life. In 1956, Melvin and Mary were married and from that union they raised 3 children: Linda Brown, Melvin Kenney Jr., and Leslie Kenney. Melvin joined Amity Baptist Church where he gave his heart to the Lord. While at Amity he also became a member of the church-bowling league. Melvin worked at Sid Harvey's as a lead man. After twenty years of faithful service he retired from the company.

During the years that followed his retirement Melvin had the opportunity to become completely involved in the lives of his children, grandchildren, and those in his neighborhood. As a prominent member of the neighborhood and the patriarch of his family, Melvin's integrity was matchless and his character was both well respected and feared because everyone knew not to mess with Mister Kenney or his family. However, those who knew Melvin Kenney Sr. knew that blood didn't determine family to him but love and loyalty did. His family extended as he took the role of a father to many people in the neighborhood. As Proverbs 8:19 states, "My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver"; thus his neighbors gave him the title "Mayor of Foch Boulevard."

Melvin E. Kenney Sr. went home to be with the Lord on August 2, 2014. He left a legacy for all to see what God can do when a person surrenders their life to Him. He has passed from labor to reward. Paul stated in 2nd Corinthians 5:8 "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and present with the Lord." He leaves behind, waiting to rejoin him: Brother Aubrey (Rosemarie); Sister Lillie (Robert); Daughters Leslie and Linda; Son Melvin Jr.; Adopted Daughter Melinda; Daughter in Law Karyl; Son in Law Jerome; 8 Grandchildren: Emanuel, Tanisha, Daneasha, Lakeitha, Marquia, Amanda, Melvin III, and Christian; 9 grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews; 6 of whom he considered very close to him Jimmy, Wandra, Sheri, Freddie, Earnest and Jackie; and family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture:

Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-4.....Tamara Blocker

New Testament - Romans 5:1-5.....Tanya Blocker

Prayer Of Comfort.....Wandra Blocker

Solo.....“Precious Lord”
Tanisha Anderson

Acknowledgements.....Thelma Jones

Poem.....Tashanta Snyder

Obituary.....Karyl Kenney

Solo.....“The Lord Is Holy”
Christian Kenney

Eulogy.....Rev. James C. Blocker

Benediction

Recessional

Interment
Rockville Cemetery
Lynbrook, New York

This Is Where I'll Be

Where the air is still
Where the grass is green
Where the birds are free (pause)
If you're looking for me
This is where I'll be

Where sickness is banished
Where the lame can walk
Where the blind can see (pause)
If you're looking for me
This is where I'll be

Where praising the Lord is a daily routine
Where the colors in the rainbow are easily seen
Where there's peace eternally
If you're looking for me
This is where I'll be.

By Daughter,
Leslie

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Melvin Eugene Kenney** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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