

In Loving  
Memory  
of

Sunrise  
*February 24, 1929*

Sunset  
*October 12, 2014*

*Arthur Keyes*

Service

Friday, October 17, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

# Order of Service

**Processional**

**Selection**

*“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”*

**Scripture**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

*“Precious Lord”*

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

*2 Minutes Please*

**Obituary**

**Selection**

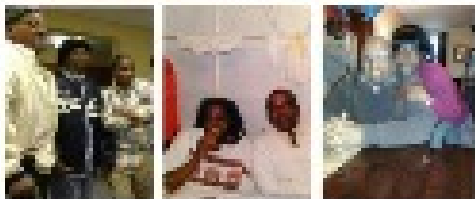
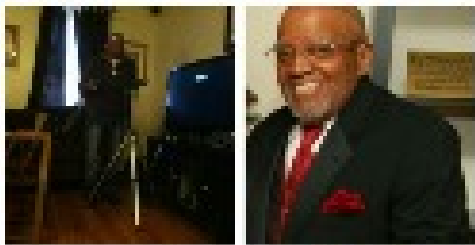
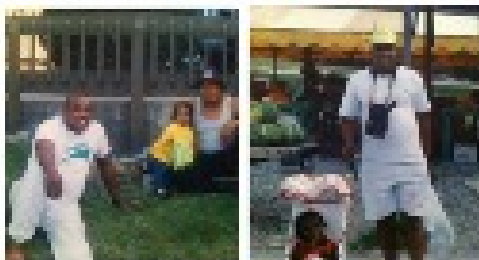
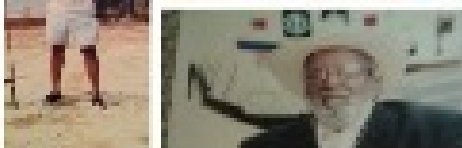
**Eulogy**

*Rev. Mable Spencer*

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**



## **Interment**

Frederick Douglass Memorial Park Cemetery  
Staten Island, New York

# Obituary

**Arthur Keyes** was born on February 24, 1929 in White Plains, New York. He was one of two children born to the late Samuel and Frances Keyes, his sister Ella Rose Wheeler, preceded him in death.

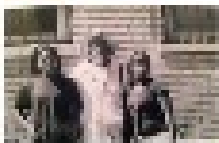
He obtained his early education in the New York City School system and was employed as a truck driver for Budgewood Laundry Company until he retired.

Arthur was known to be generous, straight forward and to the point, and a strict disciplinarian. He would tell it like it is “whether you wanted to hear it or not”, but never in a manner of being spiteful but to give you something to self-reflect upon. But most of all he was known for his sense of humor and for his passion for photography, and videography. You always saw him with his digital camera around his neck and his video camera in his hand. He was comfortable and satisfied with life and shared it with others who knew him. If you needed his assistance he would be there, he believed in uplifting people in the crossroads of their lives.

Arthur was proud of his ten children (nine daughters and one son) and would often say he was rich, because of their achieved life professions, and the services he and others would receive from them.

He was called peacefully in his sleep to eternal rest on Sunday, October 12, 2014.

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He leaves to cherish his memory: seven daughters, Sandra Harris, Denise Keyes, Sabrina Keyes, Adrienne Spencer, Sharon Richburg of Prosperity SC, Monique Snead and Sharna Taylor of Allentown, PA; two daughters, Bernadette “Sue” Watson and Arlene Keyes preceded him in death; one son, Arthur Spencer of Richmond, VA; two sons-in-law, Troy Richburg of Prosperity, SC and Lloyd Snead; one daughter-in-law, Jennifer

Spencer of Richmond, VA; twenty-seven grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren, family and friends.

## *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*

## *When I Must Leave You*

*When I must leave  
you for a little while  
Please do not grieve  
and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you  
through the years  
But start out bravely with  
a gallant smile  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same  
Feed not your loneliness  
on empty days  
But fill each waking  
hour in useful ways  
Reach out your hand in comfort and  
in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
And hold you near  
And never, never be afraid to die  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

*-Helen Steiner Rice*

## **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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