

In Loving Memory of



Robert Ball, Sr.

Sunrise

September 26, 1933

Sunset

November 23, 2014

Service

Monday, December 1, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

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Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr., Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Robert Ball, Jr. was born in Manhattan, New York on September 26, 1933. He was the only child born during the union of “Pie” Ball and Robert Ball, Sr. Bobby grew up in Manhattan and following his mother’s death during child birth, he was raised by his father, his stepmother, Sylvia Ball and his Aunt Inez Rogers.

During his early primary education, he attended St. Charles Roman Catholic School. In 1948, the family moved to Westbury, Long Island. Bobby continued his education at Westbury Sr. High. He excelled in track and held school records. He also played football and had the opportunity to play against Jim Brown.

Bobby entered the United States Marines at the age of 18 and served and fought in the Korean Conflict. He was awarded the following three medals: The Korean Service Medal, The National Defense Service Medal and The United Nations Service Medal.

In 1954, Bobby’s only sibling, Stephen Gregory Ball was born. In 1955, Robert Ball, Jr. a young, dashing Marine Corp Sergeant met and married his lifelong mate, Sadie Ruth Grate. That loving union produced four children: Gregory, Lorraine, Raymond and Tyrone. The family made their home and thrived in Manhattan, New York.

Robert Ball, Jr. was affectionately called Robert by his wife and Bob by his father. He provided for his family by working in finance and retail. He was one of the first black salesman at Lord & Taylor and also worked as a salesman at Barneys New York. His mathematical prowess enabled him to receive a degree from John Jay and secured a position with American Express. He excelled and began his career as a junior executive where he worked until retirement.

Bobby was in the World Trade Center during the first terrorist attack. When asked about it, he calmly stated, “I left there as soon as possible and started walking towards midtown.” This was indicative of Bobby. Like many vets, he rarely spoke of his tenure in the service and his personal accomplishments. He was too busy being of strong body and mind for himself and family. He provided leadership and always motivated individuals to achieve.

The love of his life and longtime mate, Sadie Ball, passed away on November 10, 2014. His loving daughter, Lorraine also preceded him in death.

Robert Ball, Jr. leaves to cherish his memory: three sons, Gregory, Raymond and Tyrone; daughter- in-law, Barbara; three grandsons, Tyrone, Duane and James; three granddaughters, Janay, Janel and Lorraine; six great grandchildren; brother, Stephen and sister-in-law, Grace Kim; brothers-in-law, Glen and Anthony Lowe, sisters-in-law, Mary, Elenor Lowe and Barbara Lowe; nieces, Helen, Barbara, Carole, Charday, Alia and Poloma; nephews, Anthony and Stephen Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, New Jersey

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

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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