



*In Loving Memory of*  
***Lawrence Gilkes***

*Sunrise*  
*November 7, 1948*

*Sunset*  
*December 5, 2014*

**Service**

Saturday, December 20, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

**Rev. David Jenkins, Officiating**  
**Kenneth Peagler, Organist**

## *Obituary*

**Lawrence Eugene Gilkes**, beloved son of Clement and Gloria Gilkes departed this life on December 5, 2014.

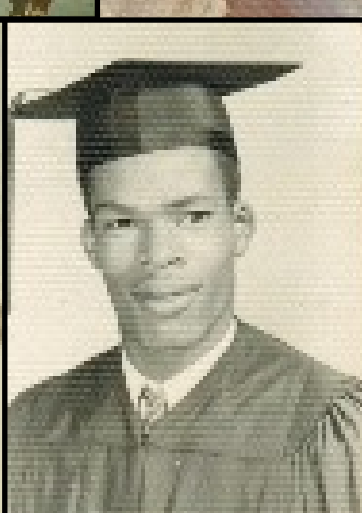
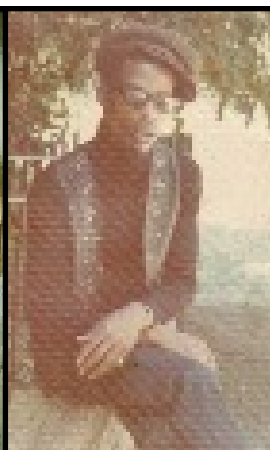
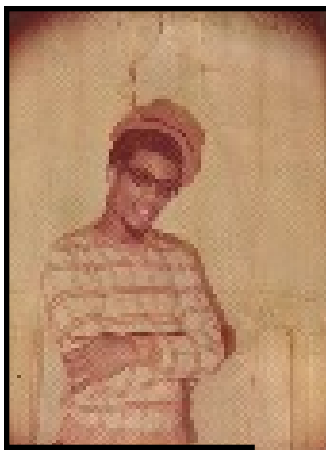
Lawrence was born in Harlem Hospital Center on November 7, 1948.

“Chico” as he was affectionately known, attended Public School 194, Frederick Douglas J.H.S and later graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School.

As an adult, Lawrence worked several jobs and later worked at Educational Opportunity Center at the Harlem State Office Building, where he continued for twenty-eight years until his death.

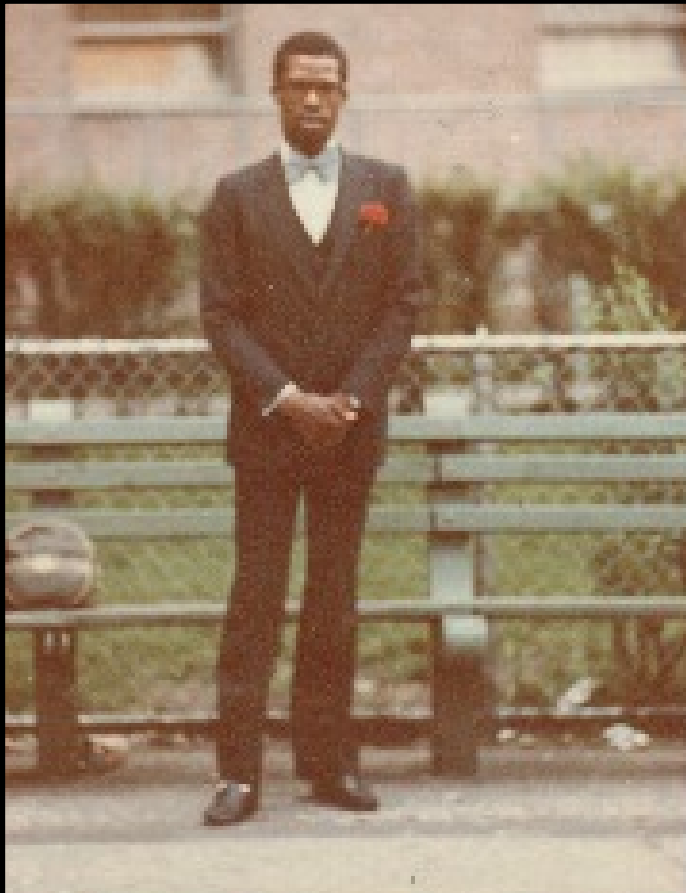
Lawrence leaves to cherish memories and to celebrate his life: three brothers, Michael, Kenneth and Raymond Gilkes; two aunts, Meganne Forbes and Eslynne Downes; cousins, Lynda, Darryl and Ronald Downes, Gregory, Lloyd Jr. and Deborah Garner; a host of nieces, nephews and stepdaughter, Lanette Ware-Bushfield.

Lawrence, may you forever rest in eternal peace in the loving arms of the Lord.

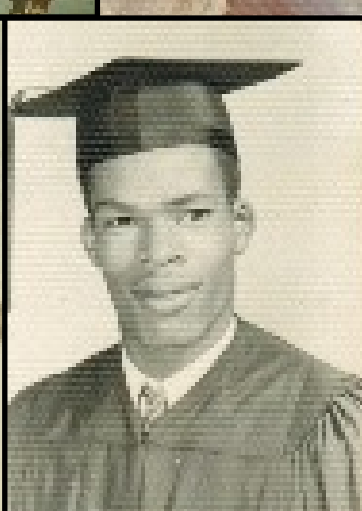
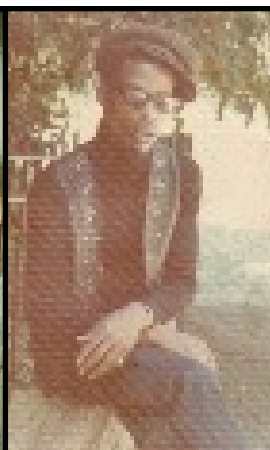
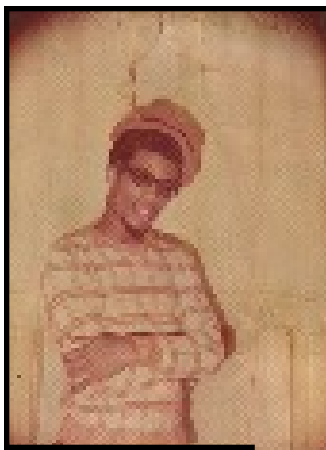




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**Order of Service**

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

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**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

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**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**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*

## *With Appreciation*

*We the family extend our extreme gratefulness to all of your acts of kindness, love, concern, thoughtfulness and support during our time of bereavement. We also wish to express special heartfelt thanks to Earl Jones and staff at E.O.C. and Ms. Martha Jenkins.*

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