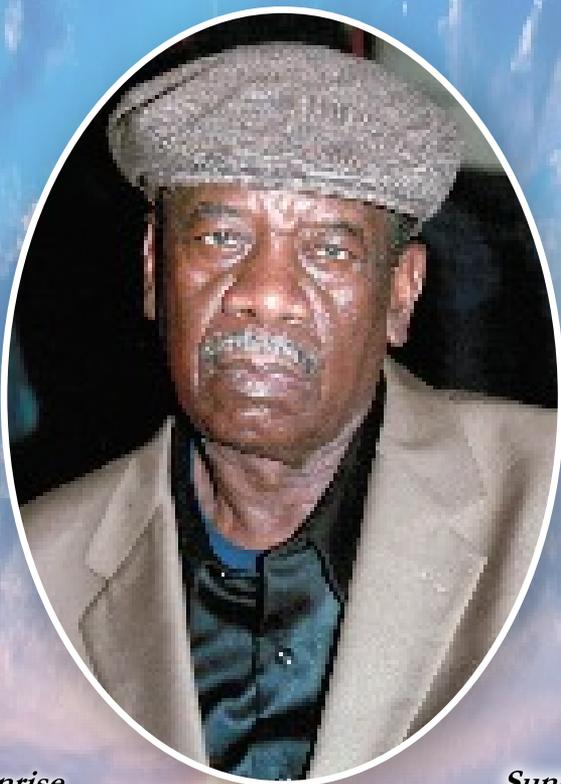


In Loving Memory of  
*Melvin C. Burgess, Sr.*



*Sunrise*  
June 3, 1936

*Sunset*  
January 27, 2015

Service

Saturday, February 7, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.

**ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

405 W. 125th Street • New York, NY

## Obituary

**Melvin Charles Burgess, Sr.** was born in Belize City, Belize on June 3, 1936 to the proud parents of Jeanette Flowers and Charles Burgess.

Melvin, who was known to his friends as Collard, grew up in Belize and attended Ebenzer School. He worked as a Deck Hand, for many years, loading and unloading freight. Melvin was married to the late Enid Burgess and together they raised five beautiful children: Godfrey, Cynthia, Janet, Denise and Melvin Jr. To make a better life for his family, Melvin immigrated to the United States in 1964. He found employment at Montefiore Hospital where he worked for more than thirty-two years as a Laundry Technician until his retirement.

Melvin loved life and enjoyed each day to the fullest. He was very charismatic and loved smooth talking the ladies. He was also very social and loved going to parties. He loved sports especially soccer, boxing and wrestling and was even showing off some hand and feet moves from his hospital bed. Even though he was very sick, he never complained. Melvin's spirit, lust for live larger than life personality will be sorely missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.

Many years after Enid passed away, he remarried a wonderful woman named Rosaliee. They were married for five years. He leaves behind his wife, Rosaliee; children, Godfrey, Cynthia, Janet, Denise and Melvin Jr.; stepchildren, Ramond, Ronald, Kylie, Karen, Nicole and Kyra. He is survived by his brothers, Claude (aka Razar), Nelson (aka Ru), Freddick (little Ru) and sister, Phillis. He will be mourned by his grandchildren and great grandchildren, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren and in-laws, along with everyone who knew Melvin.

Melvin Sr. was loved and admired by all who knew him. He was an observer at first until he got to know you and then he became the most caring and giving person. He touched everyone's life for the better. Your family and friends miss you Mel, but we are relieved that you are no longer in pain. We will always love you.

"Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father." ~ Lydia Maria Francis Child

# *Funeral Mass*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn.....“Amazing Grace”

Greeting

Sprinkling with Holy Water Placing of the Pall

Opening Prayer

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9.....Edward Moss

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a.....Curtis Ritchen, Jr.

Gospel: John 14:1-6.....Father Nolan

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Offertory Hymn.....“I Look To You”.....Angela Moddest

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts.....Gloria Forrest  
& Adroin Garbutt

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Communion Hymn..... “ I Won’t Complain”.....Barry Parker

Reading of Obituary.....Melvin Burgess, Jr.

## FINAL COMMENDATION

Song of Farewell and Incense

Prayer of Commendation

Recessional Hymn.....“It Is Well”

## PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

*Interment*

Maple Grove Cemetery  
Hackensack, New Jersey

## *The Master Called*

I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

### *Acknowledgement*

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