

# In Loving Memory of Irving Lee Mason

Sunrise  
July 26, 1947

Sunset  
June 29, 2015



## Service

Wednesday, July 8, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. David Jenkins, Officiating*

*Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Organist*

# Obituary

**Irving Lee Mason** was born July 26, 1947 in Harlem Hospital to Earl Mason and Ann Marie Pleasant Butler who preceded him in death. He was raised and grew up in Harlem (Sugar Hill) where he attended Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School. He was an altar boy with his church. He was somewhat mischievous when he attended Our Lady of Lourdes. He later attended Chelsea Vocational and Technical High School here in the city.

While growing up he was known as “Butch”. He joined the U.S. Navy in February 1965 and was discharged July 1969. When discharged he was employed at several jobs, The United Nations, U.S. Postal Service, and the New York Public Library from which he retired in 2014, just to name a few.

One of his past times was photography where you would always find him behind the camera instead of in front. He was an avid reader of all kinds of books. He was always talking to the kids about reading. He would ask, “what books have you read lately?” and they would answer. He loved playing video games with the grandsons frequently. His love for children was so prevalent and all of them loved him also. He would joke with them and had them laughing so hard. He took his children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren on trips to the parks, Museums, Aquariums, the Air Shows on Memorial Day weekends at Jones Beach and several trips to the Intrepid.

He loved the History and American Heroes channels on television as well as the series “The Walking Dead”.

Butch was a compassionate man, whom everyone who met him loved. He was a real comedian who would leave children and adults laughing like crazy.

He departed this life and made his homegoing June 29, 2015. He leaves to cherish his memory: his life partner, Patsy Mason; his sisters, Valerie Mason Reid and Carolyn “Baseemah” Butler; his brother, Clifton Butler, Jr.; his sons, Irving “Spydy” Mason II and True Warner; his daughters, Erma Jones Mason, who preceded him in death, Abeje Mason, Precious Mason, Latoya Hunter and Tynisa Smith; his grandchildren, Irving “Lil Spydy” Mason III, Mikal Warner, Jibril Warner, Tamir Warner, Lance Ortiz, Trevawn, Artis, Ranessa Artis, Tonice Thompson, Samaiya Artis, Darren Thompson, Dante Mason, Isaiah Villanueva and Khali Edwards; his greatgrands, Janelle Warner, Irving “lil lil Spydy” Mason IV, and Mariah Warner; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and colleagues.

# Order of Service

*Opening Hymn*

*Scripture Readings*

*Psalm 121*

*1 Corinthians 2:5-7*

*Prayer*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Words of Comfort/Memorials:*

*Obituary*

*Sabrina Wenkowsky*

*Hymn*

*"How Great Thou Art"*

*Eulogy*

*Benediction*

*Recessional*

**Final Disposition**

*Oxford Hills Crematory*

*Chester, New York*

*Repast to follow services at*

*560 W. 148<sup>th</sup> Street*

*(Basement)*

# For Family and Friends: New Beginnings

*Each chapter that is ending  
Leads us to a new beginning.  
The past that we are leaving  
Means a future we are winning.*

*Each change that fills the present  
Sets the stage for our tomorrow,  
And how we meet each challenge  
Helps determine joy or sorrow.*

*In every new beginning  
Spirit plays a vital part  
We must approach tomorrow  
With a strong and steady heart.*

*So as we turn the corner  
Let's all apprehension shed  
And fill our hearts with confidence  
As we proceed ahead.*

*-Bruce B. Wilmer*

## 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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