

In Loving Memory of

Jerry Burgess

Born August 9, 1957

Passed May 17, 2017



Service

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Officiating

Latasha Jordan, Soloist

Obituary

Jerry Burgess was born on August 9, 1957 at Harlem Hospital in New York City to the late Lorraine Wright Burgess and the late Silas Burgess.

He attended public schools in New York City. He served in the Cadettes for four years as a teenager and enjoyed interacting with others.

He grew up in the St. Nicholas housing project, where he lived his entire life and made many friends. Jerry loved his food and indulged as much as he liked and never gained an ounce. An avid card player, he played and taught others many of his favorite games and loved to win. Jerry was an accomplished sketch artist with the ability to replicate any picture placed before him with precise accuracy.

He was a child and a man with a wonderful giving spirit and an infectious laughter. Everyone who knew Jerry loved him because of his warm and tender heart.

He is survived by his loving family: sisters, Delores Burgess Frazier, Patricia Burgess Sasona, Cassandra Burgess Smith and Betty Ann Burgess; his brothers, Silas Burgess, Jr. and Randy Burgess; nieces, Regina Burgess, Kenya Burgess, Renee Burgess, Kimmi Evans, Shannon Burgess, Anike Aladegbami, Shania Jensen and Alliyah McBride; nephews, Richard Burgess, Jemal Smith, Silas Burgess III, Darrick Frazier, Tayo Smith, Olufemi Sasona, Randy Burgess, Jr. and Olalekan Sasona; and a host of grand nieces and nephews, great grand nieces and nephews and friends.

Jerry is predeceased by his father, Silas Burgess, his mother, Lorraine Burgess, brothers, Ralph and Michael Burgess; and niece, Jemeilla Burgess.

We love you baby boy and will miss you beyond words.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

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Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, 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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