

*Celebrating the Life of*  
**Robert A. Barnes**



*Sunrise*  
January 8, 1955

*Sunset*  
July 18, 2017

*Service*

Saturday, July 22, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

**HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME**

984 Prospect Ave • Bronx, NY 10459

*Reverend Idus Nunn, Officiating*

*Prof. Tyrone Patrick, Organist*

# Order of Service

*Processional*

*Invocation*

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Acknowledgements*

*Remarks*

*Two minutes please*

*Obituary*

*Eulogy*

*Reverend Idus Nunn*

*Benediction*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

## **Interment**

*Rosedale Cemetery*

*Linden, New Jersey*

# Reflections of Life

## My Life's Journey - Through Robert "Blue" Barnes' Eyes

I was given the gift of life, and now I have to give it back. This is hard. But I was a blessed man, who led a blessed existence, and for this I am grateful. I was diagnosed with Cancer sometime ago and lost my battle with it on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. After I was diagnosed, I decided to be joyful about having had a full life, rather than be sad about having to die. I meditated and spoke with God a lot. My connection to God helped me accept what I could not change. I am at peace.

To my Beloved mother, Juanita Barnes, my last words to you were that, "*I was ok.*" Not only am I ok, I am now free. I followed the path God laid for me; I took His hand when I heard His call, I turned my back and left it all. I'm ok.

I entered this world, Robert Alvin Barnes, on January 8, 1955. I was born unto my mom, Juanita Hibler Barnes and my father, Bobby Lee Barnes, who passed on October 24, 1974. I wasn't born by myself though. I came into this world with my ride and die twin brother, Richard Alan "*Shake*" Barnes. We were born in Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. I was born at 4:14am, two minutes before Richard.

To my twin brother Richard and the rest of my brothers, I want you to know that I loved you all to the very end. Yea, we had our differences and we fought, but please know this, that I loved all of you. I will always be with you. Keep me and our memories in your hearts. Live in peace brothers, because I am at peace.

I lived in New York City most of my life. I even attended Alfred E. Smith High School where I majored in Auto Mechanics.

I may have struggled in my life sometimes, but I also lived a rich filled life. I had an opportunity to do so many things. Like my twin brother "*Shake*", I dressed in style. We were fashionistas when we needed to be, and together we sold nice clothes from time to time. I was also an excellent carpenter! not by trade. It was one of many gifts and talents God had given me. I enjoyed being around the elderly too. I loved conversing with them, as they shared their knowledge and wisdom with me. I loved a good game of chess and was awesome at playing pool. I held various jobs in my life time. When I looked back over my life, I savored much. I had good friends and good times. I loved sharing my wisdom and talking about God to whomever would listen.

I'm sorry I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play; tasks left undone must stay that way. And if my parting this life has left a void, then fill it with remembering the joy of our friendship we shared and the laughs we had together. Yea, these things I too will miss. So just be strong and keep a smile. Lift up your heart and share my memory. God wanted me now, he has set me free.

For now, I leave behind my Devoted and Loving Mother, Juanita Barnes. I'm preceded by my Father, Bobby Lee Barnes. I leave my four children, Deasia Dukes of Harlem, USA, Kaseem Dukes of South Carolina, Michael Lloyd of Bronx, NY and my son, Saleek Dukes of Harlem USA, who preceded me as well. I also leave my three grandchildren, Quanasia Wheeler, Sadie Dukes and Jaylen Dukes. In addition, my four brothers, Michael Howard Barnes of Bronx, NY, my twin brother, Richard Alan "*Shake*" Barnes of Harlem USA, Charles Douglas Barnes of Bronx, NY and Darryl Otis "*Smooth Bee*" Barnes of California. Four sister-in-laws, Kisha Barnes of California, Marilyn, Stoney-Knight of Mississippi, Cynthia Barnes of Harlem USA, and D'Wana Haynesworth of Bronx NY. I also leave behind a plethora of nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. I love you all as I say goodbye for now.

# Remembering Robert "Blue" Barnes Through Our Eyes

*"My father is like no other. He gave me life, taught me, fought for me, loved me, and loved me unconditionally. He was a man who did everything out of the kindness of his heart. He never looked for praise nor was never one to boast. He quietly went above and beyond for anyone and for anyone who had the pleasure of his presence. My father was someone who always had a good story to tell but just as importantly, knew how to be a good listener. His words of wisdom when he gave you advice were priceless. My father, brother Saleek and my cousin Prince were 3 of a kind."* - **Deasia Dukes (Daughter)**

*"If you were blessed to know blue!!! you know he lived life his way to the fullest!!!! his knowledge & wisdom surpassed the ages! & his heart wuz bigger than the universe!!!! peace in paradise godbody!!!"* - **Smooth Bee (Brother)**

*"Brother in law, seems odd for you where my true brother in every way. Many people talk about God but you and smooth showed be how to experience God. I remember when You would wake me up in the middle of the night when I was pregnant to see if I was hungry and while we ate you would fill my mind with everything that you knew about God. I realize now the hunger you were feeding was my hunger for God and not my pregnant belly. Thank you my dear sweet servant of God. I love you my Angel Rest now rest. I hope to serve as well as u did."* - **Kisha Barnes (Sister In-Law)**

*"Uncle Blue, you exemplified being Content and bold at the same time. I want to feel sad but every moment of you is paired with a funny story or wisdom of some sort. You were the master of patience and forgiveness. My heart is heavy but my spirit is at ease knowing that you're in peace."* - **Ariel Barnes (Niece)**

*"Uncle Blue, you were a blessing to so many in your own way. I am thankful for your example of love. Watching you I learned how to care for strangers... I prayed for your Gods will and it my my Lords will to have one of his own back with Him. You are respected, loved and missed."* - **Shante Barnes (Niece)**

*"Uncle Blue, thank you for every handful of candy and jelly sandwich you gave to me when my mom wasn't looking, thank you for jamming with me, putting me up on all the stylistics, blue magic, and the delfonics music classics, thank you for sharing all of your phenomenal wisdom, thank you for every joke you told and prank you pulled, making light of things with your sense of humor! Than you for your LOVE. I will keep you in my memories and in my heart always! I LOVE YOU! Rest in Peace, Power and Paradise."* - **Genesis (Niece)**

## Acknowledgement

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