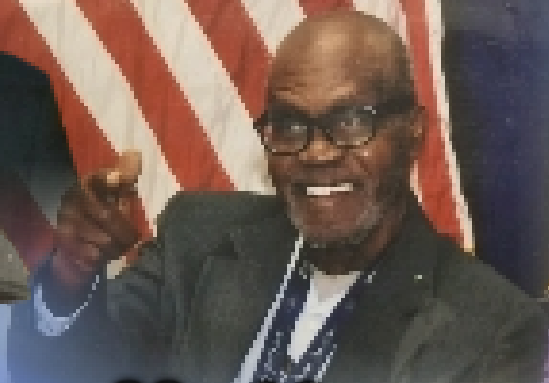


Celebrating the Life of



**Mr. Vernon  
James Mitchell**



*Sunrise*  
*June 25, 1921*

*Sunset*  
*April 15, 2019*



# Obituary

**Vernon James Mitchell** was born on June 25, 1921 in Andros, the Bahamas. His parents, Elizabeth Adderley and Alexander Mitchell, migrated to the United States and settled in Miami, Florida. His one sibling, Senai Mae Mitchell-Stewart, transitioned to be with the Lord last year at 95 years old.

Vernon served as a T-5 Corporal in the United States Armed Forces during World War II. Stationed in Honolulu, he served in several campaigns in the South Pacific and Saipan. He received several decorations and citations, and an honorable discharge in November of 1945. In 2010, Vernon was honored at the Veteran's Recognition Ceremony held at the New York City Comptroller's office and has received several other citations and awards from the City and State of New York and the Veterans Administration.

Vernon married Monica Iris Turnquest on March 3, 1946 and left Miami for New York City. After living several years in Harlem, Vernon moved his wife and family to the Bronx. He worked for 30 years as a truck driver for Elliott Ticket Company. After retirement, he drove a school bus in Westchester County.

In the 1960s, Vernon was well-known in the James Monroe Houses where he raised his family. He is survived by their children, Caesar, James, Edward, Vernetta, Virginia, Steven, Renée, Veronica, Valerie and Audrey, 35-plus grandchildren, 20-plus great-grandchildren, including the newest addition, Ohana Odihirin, born in February 2019. Monica, his wife of 44 years, passed away in 1990.

Vernon enjoyed music, especially music from the 60s, 70s, and 80s, old westerns, movies, sports, Ebony and Jet magazines, but most of all, he loved his family. He was a member and a 2007 honoree of Grandparents Around the World, an organization that brings an awareness of the elder generation to our society by uniting youth with seniors.

**Home Going Service**

Monday, April 22, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Kahli Mootoo, Officiating  
Minister Sabrina Martinez

**Serenity Funeral Service**

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**Order of Service**

Prayer of Comfort..... Minister Sabrina Martinez

Scripture.....Minister Sabrina Martinez

Old Testament - Psalm 121

New Testament - John 14: 1-7

Musical Selection..... Monica Soyemi

Reflections ..... Family & Friends

Obituary..... Ikwaumma Daniels

Musical Selection

Eulogy.....Rev. Kahli Mootoo

Final Viewing ..... Serenity Funeral Service

Committal

Benediction..... Rev. Kahli Mootoo

*Interment*  
Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

## ***The Broken Chain***

*We little knew that morning, that God  
was going to call your name.*

*In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
You did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories,  
Your love is still our guide;  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same;  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.*

## **Acknowledgements**

*The family of Mr. Vernon James Mitchell wishes to express  
their sincere appreciation and thanks for all acts of love and  
kindness shown during their time of bereavement.  
May God's richest blessing abound with each of you!*

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