

In Loving Memory of



LeRoy N. Hammond

Sunrise

November 29, 1921

Sunset

September 23, 2019

Service

Monday, September 30, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

20 Simmons Street • Copiague, New York

Rev. Dr. Keith Hayward, Officiating

Obituary

LeRoy Nathaniel Hammond was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota to the proud parents of Mark Hammond and Pearl Jerrell on November 29th, 1921.

LeRoy, alongside his older sister, Satarus, attended elementary school in Minneapolis and they both began to develop an affinity for dance and the performing arts. Their talent and precocious nature soon brought them to the stage. The pair performed on as many stages as possible for a couple of kids not even old enough to enter some of the venues they tap danced in!

By the time LeRoy was old enough for high school, his family moved to Harlem, New York. While dancing still remained his passion, LeRoy joined the Army soon after graduation. He used this opportunity to travel the world and learn a few languages along the way (German was his favorite to show off).

Upon returning from WWII, LeRoy began a storied career with the United States Postal Service and jumped into teaching tap. The latter culminated in him founding his own dancing school in the '50's. This led to him partnering with Gloria Jackson several years later on a dancing school in Jamaica, NY. All the while building a life with his true love, Mary. The pair married in February of 1948. Some years later came their daughter, Debra.

The family put down strong roots here in Amityville, becoming active members of the Bethel A.M.E. church family, with LeRoy perhaps the most active of all. As a member of the Usher Board, a Steward, being named, "A Distinguished Gentleman" and "The Dancing Usher" by the Bethel Family are examples of how he immersed himself into his church family and served cheerfully.

LeRoy touched many lives in his time here and will be missed by all that have come to know him. He is survived by his loving daughter, Debra and stepdaughter, Joyce (deceased); grandchildren, La'Tonya and Marcus; Marcus' wife, Nadia; great granddaughters Maddison and Nia.

Order of Service

The Reverend Dr.Keith Hayward
Pastor/Officiating

Processional

Opening Sentences

Opening Hymn “It Is Well With My Soul”

Prayer of Comfort

Selection/Soloist

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Psalm 27:3-6

New Testament John 14:1-4

Selection/Soloist “Precious Lord”

Resolution & Acknowledgements

Remarks & Words of Comfort

The Obituary Marcus Lightbourne

Selection/Soloist “Amazing Grace”

The Eulogy Reverend Dr. Keith Hayward

Recessional Directives

Closing Hymn & Recessional “I Need Thee”

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Be Not Afraid

*"Be not afraid" the Master said,
"I'm with you always," so instead
Of shouldering my cross alone,
I place my burden on His own.
For I'm not nearly strong enough,
To make it when the going's rough,
And it's a comfort to believe
"You need but ask Me to receive"
Handed down to me through time,
These blessed words of hope,
and I'm Renewed in spirit to recall
"Am I not Father to you all?"
One day these feet
shall cease to roam,
Earth's but my temporary home
I was in truth for Heaven made,
And so I shall not be afraid.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

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for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown
to them during this time of bereavement.*

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