

Celebrating The Life Of



Luther James Nickelson, Sr.

Sunrise:
April 18, 1937

Sunset:
January 7, 2020

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Service: 11:00 AM

COMMUNITY PROTESTANT CHURCH

1659 E. Gunhill Road • Bronx, New York

Pastor Tiffany Chandler, Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Luther James Nickelson Sr. “Jimmy” as many knew him by was born on April 18th, 1937 to the late Jesse “Pop” Nickelson Sr. and Iris Mae Tucker in Newport News, Virginia.

Jimmy attended Huntington High School in Virginia. During his time at Huntington Jimmy was on the football and track teams as well as part of the science and math clubs. His being part of so many clubs and teams matched his charismatic, magnetic personality. He had many friends and acquaintances further supporting his humble and loyal character. Soon after graduating high school he briefly attended Morgan State University in Maryland and continued his trip up north to New York City where he met his soon to be wife Carol Benson whom he married December 4th 1960. From this union they had three children Gregory, Luther Jr. and Terence.

Jimmy started his career in New York City with the Long Island Rail Road before obtaining employment with the U.S Post Office while also working a second job as a taxi cab driver. In 1972 he then transitioned to the New York City MTA as a Bus Driver. Jimmy worked out of the 54th Street Depot for 20 years until his well-deserved retirement in 1992. After his retirement he worked for P.S 197 in the role of a school aide also volunteering his time and efforts in the senior citizens center at the Polar Grounds in New York City.

Before his retirement from MTA Jimmy met and had developed a deep relationship with Ella Allen building a beautiful ever-lasting bond and legacy with her and her family.

Jimmy loved to laugh and make others laugh. Nothing made him happier than telling stories and sharing past experiences, many of which he has passed on to his sons and grandchildren. He shared his journey through the MTA and after his retirement with “Big” Jimmie Isom, Clarence “Wash” Washington, and John Butler. They had endless memories together and they will forever remain his brothers. He will be remembered by his friends and family alike for his positive attitude, endless generosity, kindness and his enormous heart. Jimmy loved to travel, cook, and was a regular at church. If you knew Jimmy you knew there were a few things he mastered two of which happened to be some of his favorite hobbies’ billiards and fishing.

Around 2001 Jimmy met and began a journey and relationship with Helen O’ Loughlin, the two enjoyed and made the most out of every second they were together and built unforgettable memories traveling and discovering different parts of the world together. He would create a special bond with her and her family that continued until the day he passed and beyond.

He remained faithful and encouraged, indicative of his spirit, faith and love of life. The sum of this gentleman can be measured by how much he loved God, His friends and family. Jimmy lived his life as all of us should hope to live ours. Always working good jobs, providing for and raising a beautiful family, and traveling the world touching the hearts of all of those he came across he will truly be missed. The legacy Jimmy has built is something that will forever stand the test of time, this man was truly an angel.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his mother Iris Tucker, his father Jesse Sr. “Pop”, his sisters Iris and Sylvia, his brother Harry, his step daughter Wanda, his life partner Ella, and his son Gregory.

Jimmy leaves behind to cherish his memory his brother Jesse Jr., his sister-in-law Brenda, his sister Alice, his former wife Carol, his sons Luther “Jimmy” Jr. and Terence Sr., his daughters-in-law Patricia and April, his step daughter Yvette and son-in-law Stanley, his grandsons Darriel, Greg, Terence Jr., and Jordan, his granddaughters Tiandra, Tamara, Natassia, Tiffany and Shaniqua, his great-granddaughters Janasia, Camoni, and Harlow, his great-grandsons Patrick, DaVaughn, Peyton, Brock and Joseph Jr. He also leaves behind an enormous host of nieces, nephews, god children, great-nieces, great-nephews and other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Monique May

New Testament Tiandra Tarrant

Prayer of Comfort Chee-Chee

Musical Selection I Won't Complain
Rev. David Jenkins

Acknowledgements 2-5 Minutes Please

Reading Of Obituary

Expressions Yvette Tarrent

Musical Selection Noreen Crayton
Take Me To The King

Eulogy Pastor Tiffany Chandler

Musical Selection Goin Up Yonder
Rev. David Jenkins

Final Viewing Heaven's Touch Funeral Service

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York

To My Loved Ones

No reason for sorrow, no reason to cry. Look toward tomorrow and I'll tell you why my memories of you and yours of me are filled with love and laughter forever. You'll see no reason to worry, nor question God as to why you have lost me. No reason to say goodbye.

It's time for my journey home, a beautiful and peaceful trip that I must make alone. So just be strong and keep a smile, we'll only be apart for a little while. The love I've known is a very special part, the love I've shown came straight from the heart.

I leave you now to go on my way to a wonderful place where we'll be together someday. No reason at all as you can see. I'm with my Lord. He'll take care of me.

Acknowledgements

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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