

A portrait of a young man in a military uniform, wearing a peaked cap with a crest. He is looking slightly to the left. The background is a stylized American flag with stars and stripes. The entire image has a reddish-pink tint.

*In Loving Memory  
Of a Soldier in The Army of the Lord*

*Mr. Kenny Love*

**Sunrise: October 23, 1955 - Sunset: January 16, 2020**

**Service**

**Friday, January 31, 2020**

**Viewing: 9:00 a.m. ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Homegoing Service: 10:00 a.m.**

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

**2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027**

**Officiating: Elder Reynaldo Andino**

Silhouettes of soldiers in battle, some holding rifles, against a sunset background.

# Obituary

**Kenny Love** was born Kenneth Maurice Parris on October 23, 1955 in New York City to the late Willie J. Bolden and Florene Benson. Kenny is the second oldest of his mother's five children. Kenny frequently expressed his love and devotion to his mother throughout his life. He was appreciative of the sacrifices that his mother made in raising him and his four siblings single handedly.

Kenny was blessed through his mother's sacrifices to receive a Catholic School education. He attended St. Thomas the Apostle Parochial School and Rice High School in New York City. It was through his mother that Kenny was introduced to God and His Son, Jesus Christ. In his adult life, Kenny developed a thirst for God and His Holy Word. The Holy Bible was his constant Companion. Kenny could be seen reading his Bible wherever he went.

As a child, Kenny was a member of the Boy Scouts of America. Kenny entered the United States Army on February 26, 1973. He received an honorable discharge on October 25, 1974. Until the end of his life, Kenny remained very active in programs offered by the Veterans Administration (VA). Kenny was a very familiar face at the VA located in Brooklyn, NY. In truth, the VA was another extension of Kenny's family.

Kenny believed in taking care of his business. He was very meticulous about paying his bills and keeping his records up to date. He was known to be extremely punctual. He could not tolerate being late.

Kenny will be remembered for his loving heart and deep concern for the poor and downtrodden in life. In his own way, Kenny tried to relieve the suffering of others. Kenny was well known in his Harlem Community. He believed in giving to others.

Kenny loved his biological family, his adopted families and his Church family. He was dedicated to attending Services at The Way of the Cross Tabernacle of Christ Church. He enjoyed the opportunity to sing and play the piano in Church. He was so committed to his Church that he often traveled from his home in Brooklyn to his Church home in Harlem. He attended his Church Services regularly and was known to press his way there even when he was sick.

Kenny departed this life on Thursday, January 16, 2020. Kenny was preceded in death by his father – Mr. Willie J. Bolden. Kenny leaves to cherish his memory his beloved Mother – Mrs. Florene Benson, his sisters – Sheila Parris, Maria Parris, Sharon David (all of New York City); his brother Christopher Parris (Sonya) of Columbia, Maryland; his niece and Goddaughter – Courtney Coleman; his niece Makayla Parris; his nephew Christopher Parris, Jr.; his great nephew Noah Bell; his beloved Godson – Jaquan, several Uncles and Aunts including Mrs. Eudena Bradley of New Jersey as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Humbly submitted by The Family.

# Order of Service

Elder Reynaldo Andino, Officiating  
*Pastor of The Way of The Cross Tabernacle of Christ Church, Inc.*  
124-126 West 136th Street, New York, New York 10030

Processional .....Clergy and The Family

Hymn

Scripture:

The Old Testament

The New Testament

Prayer

Mistress Of Ceremony.....St. Thelma Cohen

Selection

Acknowledgement of Cards

Selection

Remarks..... (Limit of 2 Minutes)

Reading of Obituary

Eulogy.....Apostle H. M. Swaringer, Chairman Emeritus,  
United House of Prayer For All People ®

Benediction

Recessional

## Interment

*Calverton National Cemetery*  
*210 Princeton Boulevard*  
*Calverton, NY 11933*

# 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 place at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembering joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; Ah 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've 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.



## Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown them during their time of bereavement.*

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A handwritten signature in black ink, possibly reading 'J.M.' or similar.