

Celebrating the Life of
Clarence J. Newkirk, Jr.

"Paul"

Sunrise
June 3, 1947

Sunset
December 28, 2019

Memorial Service
Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

Abyssinian Baptist Church
132 W. 138 Street
New York, New York 10039
Reverend Reginald Bachus, Officiating



Order of Service

Invocation

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Reflections

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Reflections of Life

Clarence James Newkirk, Jr. was the second of five children born to Helen and Clarence Newkirk, Sr. on June 3, 1947 in New York City. "Paul" or "Pablo" as he was affectionately called (a name given to him by his Uncle Milton as a child) attended P.S. 23, and St. Anthony of Padua Elementary School in the Bronx. When the family moved to Queens NY, he attended P.S. 136, and Andrew Jackson High School. Before graduating High School, he joined the United States Army where he earned his High School Equivalency Diploma. Paul served in the 101st Paratrooper Division and fought in Vietnam where he sustained an injury that caused the partial amputation of his right middle finger. He was Honorably Discharged in 1968.

Upon his return home he worked in his father's company, Economy Produce, driving and delivering produce. After Economy Produce was sold he worked alongside his father and managed his father's business, Mighty Jim's grocery store. When Mighty Jim's was sold he went back to school and became a Master Barber and worked in several barber shops. His father opened Qualified Gents and soon after opened Total Care Unisex Beauty Salon where Paul helped manage both businesses. In 1996 Paul relocated to Spring Hill, Florida with Selena Santana. He helped raise four of her children, JaNa'ire, Jermaine, Carmine and Miquel. In 1996 he relocated to Florida and worked for Volkswagen and Honda as a Car Salesman where he earned several Top Salesman awards, but after the car market fell he returned to Barbering.

In 1972 Paul and his girlfriend Ellen Billups welcomed a son, Sharried, "Sony". In 1973 he met Jacqueline Reed and from this relationship they produced three children, Kenya, Shahida and Aisha.

Paul's favorite enjoyments in life was spending time with his children, grandchildren, and sisters, fishing, playing chess, cooking, barbecuing, and going to the movies. He always had the latest gadgets and cookbooks. He enjoyed listening to jazz, old school rhythm and blues, and classical music. Paul was a conspiracy theorist and loved discussing politics, religion, history and philosophy.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Sr. and Helen; nephew, Tony, and his sister, Pat. Paul leaves to celebrate his memory four children, Sharried, (Sony), Kenya, Shahida, and Aisha; grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; 2 sons-in-law; sisters, Sheila, Cheryl, Barbara, Cheryl, and Alicia; significant other, Selena Santana her children; Todd Newkirk a cousin who was like a brother, Larry Sawyer a childhood friend from Union Ave; special friends, Jacqueline Reed, and Oare` Henry, and a multitude of cousins, aunts, and friends.

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.
-Author unknown*

Acknowledgement

The family of Clarence Newkirk would like to Thank everyone for all acts of kindness given to them during this time of sorrow.

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