

*Celebration Of Life*



*Irving Ross*

*November 6, 1951 - April 23, 2020*

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

**John Funeral Home**  
*509 Liberty Avenue, Brooklyn, New York*

# Obituary

On Thursday, April 23, 2020 **Irving Ross** was called home to be with God.

Irving Ross was born on November 6, 1951 to the late Basil and Mabel Smiley Ross in Brooklyn, NY.

Irving was something special. Many knew him as Milk Dud, Ralo, and most will remember him as Billy Champ. He was a jack of all trades who would lend his heart and his hand to anyone who needed his services.

Irving migrated to Sardis Alabama, as a child, where his Grandparents Rachel (Big Momma) and Emmanuel (Big Poppa) Smiley Ross raised him to be a responsible young man.

Irving completed his education at Shallow High School, shortly thereafter he moved back home to New York where he would meet his wife Miriam Ross, who preceded him in death. They got married on July 2, 1971. Through that union they had two beautiful daughters Shanell Ross Grant and Tiphony Ross.

Irving was employed at Quality Form Company where he would be a dedicated employee for over 40 years. Irving never wanted to be late or take any days off due to his illness Irving retired in November of 2019

Irving became a member of New Jerusalem church January of 2016. He was a true family man. He loved watching movies, football, and wrestling. What he loved most was driving cars. He loved listening to music. Al Green was his favorite Artist and Let us stay together was one of his favorite songs.

He was an excellent Husband, Father, Brother, Uncle, Friend and a man who will truly be missed.

He leaves to preserve his memory, Two beautiful Daughters Shanell ross Grant,(son in law Andrew Grant who precedes him in death), and Tiphony Ross, Two Son's Derrick Ross and Dashiem Ross, Six Grandchildren's Irving Ross, Shamoria Ross, Tavarn Ross (Rebecca Ross), Kirk Livingston, Kashaun Livingston, and Keivin Livingston, Three Great Grandchildren Christopher Davis, Daniel Livingston, Wynter Livingston, One Brother Jerry, Three Sisters Irma Ross, Barbara Smiley and Linda Smiley Harris who all precedes him in death. Four Brother's Marshall Ross, Abraham Smiley, Frankie Ross, and Kenny Smiley. One Sister Eleanor Smiley Gaskin, One Uncle Reverend Limbeck Smiley, One Aunt Rachel Smiley, One Goddaughter Cortney Simmons and a Host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and Friends. He had a special bond with his cousin Deborah Johnson. We love him and will miss him dearly.

Earth has suffered a tremendous loss, but heaven has gained a beautiful soul.

# Order of Service

## **PROCESSIONAL OF FAMILY**

### **INVOCATION**

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

OLD TESTAMENT - 23RD PSALM

BISHOP LESTER C. SMITH

NEW TESTAMENT - JOHN CHAPTER 14:16

BISHOP LESTER C. SMITH

#### **SOLO**

FRANCINE GILARD AND CELESTINE SMITH-REID

“HE KNOWS MY NAME”

#### **PRAYER OF COMFORT**

BISHOP LESTER C. SMITH

#### **REMARKS AND TRIBUTES**

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

(2MINUTES READING)

#### **OBITUARY READING**

#### **SOLO**

FRANCINE GILARD AND CELESTINE SMITH-REID

“EYES ON THE SPARROW”

#### **EULOGY**

REV. LIMBECK SMILEY

#### **BENEDICTION**

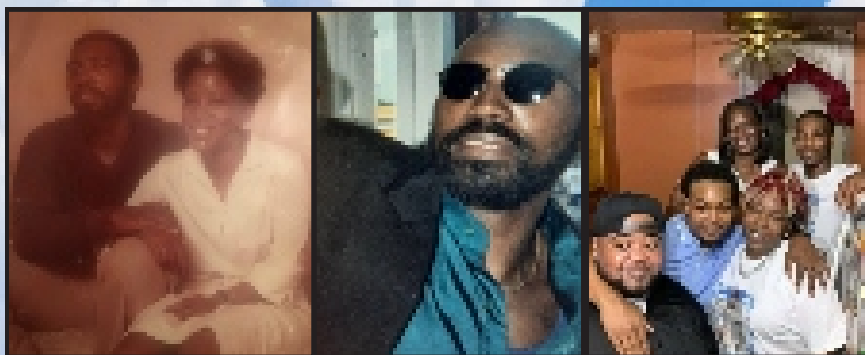
#### **INTERMENT**

PINELAWN MEMORIAL PARK

FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK

# *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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered 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 savoured 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 acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

