

Celebrating the Life of



Kenneth Lawrence Roberts

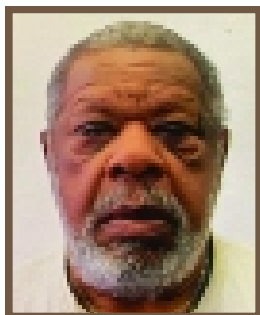
Sunrise
November 19, 1938

Sunset
June 13, 2020

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 - 10am

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Rev. Richard Lord, Officiating

Obituary



Kenneth Lawrence Roberts (affectionately known as “Kenny the Mailman”) was born November 19, 1938 in Harlem, New York to James Roberts, Sr. and Alma Murray Roberts. He met Carmela Ramsey (aka TaTa) and from this union their son Eric Ivan Roberts was born. He attended Cooper Junior High School in Harlem and later graduated from Haaren High School.

Kenny joined the United States Army and was stationed in Alaska for 18 months. During his military career, Kenneth demonstrated commitment and leadership skills and was able to advance in rank to Corporal. When his assignment in Alaska ended, he returned to Fort Dix in New Jersey where he was honorably discharged in 1957. Kenny always said that his time in the Army was life-changing and he made his family proud. After his return from his military duties, he joined the United States Post Office as “the Harlem Mailman”. The community loved his caring spirit and thought he was the best.

Kenny was an outdoor adventurous individual, very intelligent, and enjoyed discussing politics, history, and sports. He had the ability to engage anyone in lengthy conversations for hours if he could. He loved fishing, skiing, football, and baseball. He was an avid NY Giants and NY Yankee fan. Kenny adored his Falcon team members. They spent their early years together playing football and became travel buddies later on in life. He always looked forward to the annual Super Bowl gatherings starting with a meet and greet breakfast. A strong bond has been developed with the Falcons and still today they consider themselves as a team of brothers. Kenny was a great big brother and always pushed us to achieve and do great things in our lives. He enjoyed spending his vacations in St. Maarten with his sisters and family members. He loved to swim in the ocean and to chill on the beach and poolside.

He leaves to celebrate his cherished memories: his son, Eric; sister, Delores; brother, James (Junior); nieces and nephews, cousins, and a host of family and friends.

Lovingly submitted by the family.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture.....Reverend Richard Lord, Sr.
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-2
New Testament: John 3:16

Prayer..... Reverend Richard Lord, Sr.

Open Remarks

Solo.....“Be Not Afraid”

Praise Dance.....Eishelle Tillery

Obituary and Acknowledgments..... Andy Irving (retired Esq)
Steve Ortiz, (retired Deputy Superintendent
and Principal-NYC Public Schools)

Solo.....“Soon and Very Soon”

Eulogy.....Reverend Richard Lord, Sr.

Recessional

Interment
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York



To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me
or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome Home."*

-Author unknown

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.

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