



In Loving Memory of

Harold L. Jackman Sr.

6 February 1936 - 3 September 2020

Service
Wednesday, 16 September 2020 - 10:00am

Parkchester Baptist Church
2021 Benedict Ave, Bronx, NY 10462
Rev. Dr. Felecia M. Smith, Pastor

Obituary

Harold Leroy Jackman Sr. was born on Thursday, February 6, 1936 at 5:25pm in New York City. He departed this world peacefully with his wife, Dorothy “Dotti”, by his side at his home on Thursday, September 3, 2020. He was 84 years old. Harold touched so many lives with his talent through his wit, carefree spirit, and most of all, his love for God and his family.

In 1962, Harold and Dotti met on a blind date at a cotillion and Dotti “took his breath away.” It was “love at first sight”. They married in 1967, and made a family in Parkchester, Bronx, New York, and were one of the first Black families in this sprawling urban development.

Dotti and Harold were inseparable throughout their 53 years of marriage. Their adventurous and philanthropic spirit inspired travel to The Gambia, West Africa, from 1998 to 2009. In 1999, Harold and Dotti founded the American Funds Reserved to Introduce Candidates for Academic Scholarship (AFRICAS), a non-profit organization dedicated to awarding scholarships to high school boys in that country. In addition to the scholarships, Harold and Dotti were considered “second family” within various villages in The Gambia. As such and in tribute to his work, Harold was ultimately crowned Gambian Chief (Bamba) -- one of the country’s highest honors -- by the President of The Gambia. Harold and Dotti’s continuous investment in the people of The Gambia is evidenced by lifelong friendships, and a unique international bond that can never be broken.

A Korean War veteran, Harold proudly served as an Airman 2nd Class in the United States Air Force. Upon his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Harold’s valiant spirit led him to pursue a successful 32 year career in law enforcement and after attending the New York City Police Academy, Harold served with distinction at the City and State level before his retirement.

In his retirement years, Harold’s dedication to civil service continued at the Parkchester Department of Public Safety where he developed the very first Peace Officer Training Program. As a proud member of the Parkchester community, Harold also served as Vice President of the Tenants Association, working alongside many leading members of the Bronx community to serve over 60K residents.

In addition to his career and volunteer work, Harold loved the Lord. He had a deep faith in God and Dotti has fond memories of him telling her to “give everything to God” and to relinquish her worries to Him. As a Deacon of Parkchester Baptist Church, Harold was a well-respected member, and received the honor of becoming a church elder in 2018. He exemplified a true Christian spirit throughout his life.

Harold is survived by his wife, Dotti; his brother, Calvin; four children Steven (Doreen), Pam (Paul), Harold Jr. (Jeannett), Abby (Craig); four grandchildren, Corine, Kevin, Marc, Christopher (Kristina); great grandchild, Kiara; and is loved and fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Today we celebrate Harold’s influence and impact on so many people, and the unique memories we all cherish. Whether it was his incredible sense of humor, love of calypso and salsa music, affinity for beef patties and Mount Gay rum, or his unapologetic love of spicy food [he’d put hot sauce on *anything*], Harold leaves an indelible mark on all our lives.

We love you Harold/Brother/Dad/Granddad/Great Grandad/”Uncle Hardy”/Cousin/
Dear Friend - God Bless You and May You Rest In Peace.

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Felecia M. Smith, Presiding

Processional

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Deacon Migdol Powell

Reflection

Mr. Steven Jackman

Drum Tribute

Mr. Steven Jackman and Mr. Alvin Carter

Reflection

Mr. Alvin Carter

Resolution

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Felecia M. Smith, Pastor

Closing Prayer

Recessional

Final Resting Place

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Dedications

God blessed us with 53 years of marital happiness. He was a great loving supportive husband. God bless you. I will miss you.
- Dorothy Jackman, Wife

I know he's not lost because he's with the father who art in Heaven with my mother and grandmother and I hope he can Rest In Peace, Love and Happiness.
- Calvin Jackman, Brother

My father has been the manifestation of the creator's light in the flesh. An inspiration for many and a hugely gifted spirit with gifts of music and art. His huge personality was felt by many who recognized his shining light.
- Steven Jackman, Son

My dad was the best dad a girl could ever have. I loved spending time with him and Dot. He was fun and funny, yet insightful and wise. I would joke and tell him that he was a combination of James Earl Jones and Herman Munster because he was so regal and silly all at once. I truly love my dad and will miss him dearly.
- Pamela Bodley, daughter

Dad...What the hamfat? We JUST spoke. I am heartbroken. I love you. I miss you terribly.
- Harold Jackman, Jr., Son

My fondest memories of dad were of him taking me to ballet lessons every week and our special father/daughter lunch trips: pigging out on Pizza Hut pizza, eating chicken nuggets together in the car and munching on piping hot French fries after his physical therapy appointments in Manhattan.
- Abby Wright, daughter

"Uncle Hardy" was the name my brother gave him as a toddler...hearing his name meant family, community, creativity (nothing like a personalized original birthday card!) dining, impersonations, piano playing, dancing, drawing, poetry, fun...and love eternally.
- Rachelle Jackman, Niece

Harold Jackman was a man of many interests with a capacity to share his wisdom and learning with all who came in contact with him.
- Paul Bodley, Jr., son in law

I'll miss your prickly kisses, big warm hugs and even bigger smiles, Rest In Peace...until we meet again.
-Jeannett Jackman, Daughter In-Law

I couldn't be more honored to learn I had preliminary earned his approval than hearing the words "he looks like a brother."
- Craig Wright, Son in law

My granddad was always smiling and telling interesting stories. He was quite the storyteller. He was also the only person I knew who made his own hot sauce that was hotter than lava! I will really miss him.
- Chris Bodley, Grandson

An interesting bit of trivia:
Harold was born on February 6, 1936. The next time you could reuse your old 1936 calendar would be in 2020. Both calendars will be exactly the same.

Acknowledgments

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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