

Dennis F. Barnes Sr.

A Life Well Lived



Sunrise
March 27, 1944

Sunset
September 22, 2020

Service

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 • 10:30 a.m.

ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.

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Officiating: Reverend Stephen Michael Lewis, Pastor
Bethel A.M.E., Freeport, NY

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Hymn

Prayer of Comfort

Scriptures:

Old Testament: Psalm 23.....Ms. Rowlette Simmons

New Testament: John 14:1-6.....Ms. Leila Barnes

SelectionElder Donnell Hubbard

Reflections and Tributes

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Selection.....Elder Donnell Hubbard

Eulogy.....Reverend Stephen Michael Lewis

Committal.....Reverend Stephen Michael Lewis

Benediction.....Reverend Stephen Michael Lewis

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Obituary

Dennis Fredrick Barnes Sr. was born on March 27, 1944 and went home to be with the Lord on September 22, 2020. He was the oldest son of the late Rudolph and Carrie Barnes. Dennis was preceded in death by his two sisters, Carole Burke and Lauree Stubbs.

Dennis received his early education through the New York City Public School System. After graduating from High School, Dennis voluntarily entered the United States Army. After completing his 4-year tour in 1969, he received an Honorable Discharge.

At an early age, Dennis acknowledged Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He participated on the choir and regularly attended Church services with his maternal grandmother, Della Turner, a Church Mother of the Calvary Baptist Church, in Jamaica, NY.

Once leaving the United States Military, Dennis was employed for RCA in the Production Division. Following RCA, Dennis was employed by the NBC Videotape Division. Dennis was one of the first to work in NBC's new production unit, Electronic Journalism Tape Division. He was promoted to the position of Group 6 Overnight Supervisor of The Today Show. Dennis worked for NBC for 45 years before retiring in 2013.

In 1967, Dennis married Miss Jean Wilkins and from this union was born one son, Dennis Barnes Jr. Although the marriage was later dissolved, Dennis maintained a close relationship with his son. In 1980, Dennis met Miss Carrise Ann Holloway, the love of his life and in 1987 they were joined in Holy Matrimony. After 40 years together; and all of life's ups and downs, Dennis and Carrise remained each other's best friend and loved each other very much.

Dennis was lovingly known to his family as the life of the party and a "gentle giant". He always greeted family and friends with the biggest smile. Female family members and friends received the biggest bear hug that literally lifted them off their feet; while the male family members and friends received a power-handshake. The women felt like they got the best part of the deal. His hearty laugh filled every space and when he laughed you could hear it clear across the room. Dennis loved his family and friends and he initiated holiday traditions that will live on forever.

Dennis leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Carrise Ann; one son Dennis Jr.; one daughter-in-law, Kristin; four grandchildren, Christopher, Ryan, Bryce and Jaylen; stepmother, Thomasina Barnes; two brothers, Walter Thomas Barnes and Jefferson Barnes; three sisters, Leila Barnes, Lisa Barnes-Murray, and Michelle Brantley; six brother-in-laws, Willie Holloway, Curtis Holloway, Robert Monts, Charles Henry, Leon Simmons and Stan Gabriel; five sister-in-laws, Mattie Monts, Katie Simmons, Mary Henry, Jenish Holloway and Pat Gabriel; four godchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Humbly Submitted by the Family

Crossing Over

*Oh, please don't feel guilty
It was just my time to go.
I see you are still feeling sad,
And the tears just seem to flow.
We all come to earth for our lifetime,
And for some it's not many years
I don't want you to keep crying
You are shedding so many tears.
I haven't really left you
Even though it may seem so.
I have just gone to my heavenly home,
And I'm closer to you than you know.
Just believe that when you say my name,
I'm standing next to you,
I know you long to see me,
But there's nothing I can do.
But I'll still send you messages
And hope you understand,
That when your time comes to cross over,
I'll be there to take your hand.*

Acknowledgements

The family of Dennis Barnes Sr. would like to acknowledge all the expressions of love and kindness, including prayers, calls, cards and gifts that they have received from so many during their hour of bereavement.

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