

Celebrating the Life of



Ronald Phinazee

Sunrise
December 26, 1959

Sunset
November 18, 2020

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 - 10am

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Obituary

On Wednesday, November 18, 2020, God called home our beloved **Ronald Lee Phinazee**, affectionately known as Ronnie to family and friends. Ronnie was born in Atlanta, Georgia on December 26, 1959 to the late Ida Lee Phinazee.

Ronnie received his education in the Public School System in New York City. He was a graduate of Samuel Gompers High School. Ronnie had an infectious smile and was always willing to help whenever he could. A devoted and loving father to First Sergeant Shinique Sylvester, and father-in-law to Staff Sergeant James Sylvester. Ronnie was very proud of his daughter and her husband's service to the U.S. Army. Ronnie was also a member and caretaker of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Ronnie worked at Whole Food Market where he was a valued employee.

Ronnie is preceded in death by his mother, Ida Lee Phinazee, brother, Charles Davis, sister, Gilda Terry and daughter, Makeya Phinazee.

He now leaves to cherish his loving memory: his devoted and loving daughter, Shinique Sylvester and her husband, James; five grandchildren, Kianna, Nakia, James, Da'Ron and Ja'Niya; one great granddaughter, Ni'Ari; three brothers, Larry, Kenneth and Richard Phinazee; four sisters, Joyce Phinazee, Sandra Phinazee-Elston and her husband, Curtis, Pamela Phinazee and Jacquelyn Phinazee-Leibert and her husband, Maurice; Ronnie's devoted companion, Talika Denise Green; her son, Jzaquan; her daughter, Elani; grandson, Raiden who he help to raise; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Respectfully Submitted By,
The Sylvester & Phinazee Families

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

The Processional.....Clergy & Family

The Invocation.....Minister G. Harold Williams

The Hymn of Praise.....Voices of Zion

The Reading of Holy Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 32.....Mr. James Daffin, Brother-in-law

New Testament - 1st Corinthians 15:50-57...Mrs. Mary Daffin, Sister-in-law

The Prayer of Comfort.....The Reverend Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr.
Pastor, Community Baptist Church, Englewood, NJ

Solo.....Alvin Murray

Presentation

New York State Department of Correctional Services Honor Guards

Words of Comfort

The New Mt. Zion Baptist Church Family
Deacon Klara Brown, Diaconte Chai
David Stovall, Chair Board of Trustees

The Neighbor.....Mr. Calvin Hudson

The Family.....Mr. Chris Pressley, Son-in-law
Mr. Augustus Grissett, Brother
Miss Jakoya Grissett, Daughter

Solo.....Mrs. Sarah Love

The Acknowledgments.....Mrs. Earline Cody-Nelson

The Reading of Obituary.....Ms. Lynn C. Dow

Solo.....Mrs. Suberta Roberson

The EulogyThe Reverend Dr. Carl L. Washington, Jr.
Pastor, New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, NYC, NY.

The Departing View

The Committal

Benediction

The Recessional

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, New Jersey

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.

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