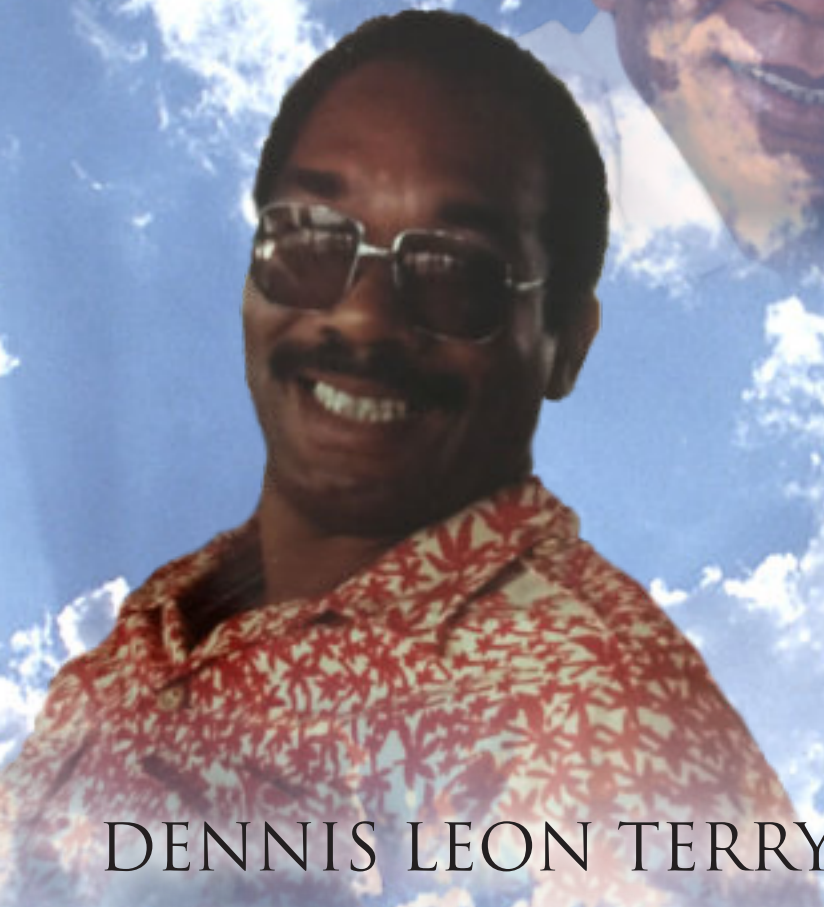


IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF



DENNIS LEON TERRY, SR.

Sunrise
October 26, 1944

Sunset
March 9, 2021

Service:
Friday, March 19, 2021 - 6:00 pm

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

POPPA TERRY'S OBITUARY

Dennis Leon Terry was born on October 26, 1944 to Sally "Daisy May" Smith Williams and Kelly Terry in Smithfield North Carolina. Despite the many historically brutal circumstances of segregation and blatant racism of The Klan, Dennis was raised by a loving family that supported his love for music and reading. He attended North Carolina's Lucille Hunter Elementary School in Springfield, Massachusetts' Buckingham Junior High School and Springfield Technical High School.

In 1964, Dennis attended Howard University, where he majored in economics. In addition to being active on campus, he also volunteered within the community. In 1968, Dennis graduated from Howard University with his B.A. Degree in Economics.

Dennis and Sandra met in Junior High School, later dated in High School and eventually married on July 5, 1969. Dennis and Sandra went on to have two children, Dennis Leon Terry II and Kellie Nicole Terry. Together they built a happy life with their children, making connections with their community. They created so many wonderful memories with friends in HighBridge and throughout The Bronx.

There is no question that Dennis loved the city but anyone who knew him, understood that The Bronx was his heart. His deep and unwavering love for the people of The Bronx will remain an inspiration to all of us. Community service, dignity, love, kindness and laughter are just a few staple elements of the Terry household.

Dennis cared deeply for others and had a passion for social justice and community, gifts that he shared generously, with joy, while serving in many capacities during his wonderful and full life. After graduating from Howard University, Dennis became the operations manager for the Long Island Lighting Company. In 1971, motivated by the concept of "diverse cultural groups coming together to produce the common good," Dennis founded the Mid Bronx Senior Citizens Council (MBSCC) along with renowned community leaders. In 1972, Dennis became the chairman of the New York Urban League's Bronx Borough Board and attended the National Black Political Convention held in Gary, Indiana. From 1976 until 1996, Dennis was a board member of the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (SoBRO), a board member of the Bronx Lebanon Hospital from 1981 to 1982. He was also a Board member of Highbridge Advisory Council Family Services. Dennis Leon Terry had the distinguished honor of being interviewed by the Black History Educational and History Archival Project - The History Makers on October 25, 2007.

Dennis retired in 1993, after 26 years with The Long Island Lighting Company. While retired, Dennis spent time with his grandchildren, Ali, Naim and Jessica. He also continued to engage in community service work, including serving on several Boards while he practiced part - time business and non - profit consulting.

Dennis was predeceased by his Grandmother Julia Smith Jones, Grandpa William Jones, mother Sally "Daisy May" Smith, father Kelly Terry, sister Mickie Robinson and many beloved cousins and family members who have passed away. He is survived by wife, Sandra Terry, son Dennis Terry II, daughter Kellie Terry, grandsons Ali Dasan Sepulveda and Naim Ernesto Sepulveda, granddaughter Jessica Hannah McCracken Terry and siblings Mary Jenkins, Richard and Shirley Robinson, Joe Beaty, Terry and Tracy Cohen, Aileen Terry, Darlene Terry and Jacqueline Terry. He is survived by many beloved family and friends from North Carolina, Springfield Massachusetts, Connecticut and Baltimore Maryland.

Dennis Sr. was an amazing son, father, brother, cousin, friend, mentor, teacher and role model for so many young people in The Bronx. His infectious spirit and contagious laugh will forever live on in our hearts and souls.

Dennis Leon Terry, 76, of The Bronx New York, peacefully passed away on March 9, 2021 surrounded by loved ones, after a difficult battle with COVID - 19.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Gathering

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Selection “Jesus Is Love”

PASTORAL GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

EXPRESSIONS OF CELEBRATION, REMEMBRANCE &
THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF DENNIS TERRY

Word

READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT Ecclesiastes 3:1-8..... George Bradley

PSALM 121 Jerome Ealy

GOSPEL..... John 14:1-6..... Rev. Laurence McFarland

SERMON..... Rev. Laurence McFarland

Selection “Amazing Grace”

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD’S PRAYER

Sending

COMMENDATION

DISPOSITION

Ferncliff Crematory
Hartsdale, New York

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've found now peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will I miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
don't lengthen your time with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now – He set me free.

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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