## In Loving Memory of



# Carroll Reid

Sunrise July 13, 1930

Sunset March 11, 2021

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 - 4pm - 7pm

#### UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

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#### THE GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS Visual Montage Erma E. Mack **Musical Prelude** DJ Hank Pollard ORDER OF SERVICE **Processional** Family/Saxophonist **Scripture Readings** Old Testament - Family Member/Clergy New Testament - Family Member/Clergy **Musical Selection** Todd Smith, Saxophonist The Reading of the Obituary Kevin Ware, Grandson **Musical Selection** Norris Barrino, Son-in-Law Reflections Family and Friends **Musical Selection** Donna Love, Soloist Words of Comfort Elder Vivian Campbell DeWitt Reformed Church, NYC Final Farewell Committal/Benediction Elder Vivian Campbell Recessional "When the Saints Go Marching In"

# <u>Obituary</u>

Carroll Vincent Reid was born on July 13, 1930 in Norfolk, Virginia to the late Vassar and Vester Reid. He was the sixth child of twelve children. His siblings, Dorothy, Clinton, Gladys, Vassar, Thomas, Rudolph, Mary, Walter, Robert, Edward and Virginia all preceded him in death.

Carroll, also known as "Bobby," was educated in the Virginian school system, where he gained a love for reading. He attended church with his family, which fed his love for listening to music. He developed a passion for the Blues, Jazz and Gospel. Among his favorite artists were Arthur Prescott, Etta James, Ella Fitzgerald, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Tamela Mann and Yolanda Adams. Some of his best tunes were: Jose Feliciano's, *Feliz Navidad* and Jim Croce's, *Bad, Bad Leroy Brown*.

Bobby met and married his childhood sweetheart Eleanor "Lovie" Reid on September 17, 1950. Out of this union they had six children, Patricia, Ralene (deceased), Sir Van (deceased), Donita, "Mister" Earl and Barbara. He also raised as his own, Bernadette (niece) and Keisha (granddaughter).

Bobby moved and raised his family on the Lower Eastside of New York City. He worked as a Junior Pressman in the printing industry for many years where he gained management's recognition for being innovative and creating new systems to expedite time-consuming printing tasks. Later he worked and retired from the New York City Housing Authority.

While living on the Lower Eastside, Bobby became a legend in his own right. He gained an endearing neighborhood name, "Fox"; which was defined by his deep love for community and cunning wit. His words of wisdom freely poured out at family gatherings, neighborhood reunions, birthday parties, funerals, and political events. Fox was always dapper, sporting one of his many hats, an "Apple Jack" cap or a Stetson brim. As Fox began to enter his "winter" years, he took swag to another level by leaning on his "walking stick."

Fox, an LES legend and gentleman, tilted his Stetson brim to bid us farewell and departed this life on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

He leaves to mourn his memory: children, Patricia, Donita (Norris), Earl, Barbara (William), and Bernadette; grandchildren, Keisha, Charles, Jason, LeVar (Kelly), Kevin, Earl, Steven, Vincent, Adam, LeRon, Bistanly (deceased), Jasmine, Esheena, Andre, and Khalil; 24 great grandchildren; and a host of wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Dad, Bobby, Fox, we love you and will miss you! Until we meet again.

#### He is Mindful Of His Own

I know not what the year will bring, But this I know, my heart will sing; For He who gives the gift of years has power to still my doubts and fears. And if the way be dark or fair, I shall not doubt God answers prayer. Though I may walk the depths, of night. His lamp of Truth shall give me light. To me there is no foreign land, For with me is His guiding hand. And God, Who heeds the sparrow's fall, will always answer when I call. I shall go forward, upright, free; For He will walk the way with me. I leave this year with God alone, For He is mindful of His own.

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-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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