

Junius Edward Jackson Jr.

Sunrise: November 27, 1954 Sunset: June 28, 2021

Thursday, July 8, 2021 - 10 AM

St. Mary's Episcopal Church 521 West 126th Street • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. Mary Foulke , Officiating

<u>Obituary</u>

Sergeant Junius "Junnie" Jackson, 66, of New York, died on June 28, 2021, in his Harlem home.

He was born November 27, 1954 in New York City to Junius and Julia Jackson. He grew up in Harlem with his parents and two sisters Yvonne and Viola.

In 1976, he joined the armed forces and was assigned to the Army Base Camp Fort Dix in NJ. After graduating from his basic training, he had assignments in Kentucky, South Korea and in Germany.

During his time of service, he achieved several military awards and later was recommissioned as a Sergeant. He was a veteran of the Gulf War Era and Peacetime. Sergeant Jackson served proudly in the army until he suffered a service-connected disability during his assignment in Germany. In 1991, he was honorably discharged and went into retirement.

Once retired Junius returned back to Harlem, NY where he spent time reconnecting with his family and friends. Junius was a very loving, loyal, kind, funny and generous man. He was loved by his family and friends.

After a few years of retirement Junius decided to rejoined the work force where he became a postal worker. He worked for several years but decided to retire again permanently after the sudden death of his sister Viola and the ailing health of his parents. He dedicated his time to looking after his family until he began to have several health issues related to the disability he had during his military service. He spent many years battling with his health issues until he finally succumbed to his most recent health challenge.

He is survived by his mother, Julia, his sister Yvonne and his nephew and caregiver Renard.

Order of Service

Burial Anthem (said) I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life. even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith. shall not die for ever. As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger. For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So. then, whether we live or die. we are the Lord's possession. Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Opening Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Reflections

Prayers of the People the people respond "hear us, Lord."

The Commendation & Committal

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Lord's Prayer ("trespasses")

Blessing & Dismissal

Interment:

Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York

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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