

In Loving Memory of



Kevin Jones

April 16, 1957- August 3, 2021

Thursday, August 26, 2021 - 5PM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating

Rev. Tyrone Richardson, Organist

Obituary

Kevin was born on April 17, 1957 to Gloria Jones. Growing up, Kevin shared a very rich family life together with his siblings, aunt, and uncles. He was raised by his loving grandparents, Margaret, affectionately known as “Maggie”, and William Raby.

Maggie and William Raby raised Kevin to be a God fearing, kind, and loving person, just as they had raised their own children. They also raised Kevin to be an individual thinker and paver of his own path based on the moral and family centered foundation that they provided for him. It is because of this foundation that Kevin developed into a person that people never forgot.

Physically, Kevin was a big man, but he also had a big personality. When Kevin moved around his community and in the social circles he was part of, everybody seemed to know Kevin and to be fond of him. New York was truly Kevin’s home. Another wonderful quality of Kevin was that he had a generous spirit. When Kevin had something to share, you can be sure that he gave to those he loved and to those in need.

To his cousins, Kevin was the protective older cousin second only to his older brother Raymond. You knew you could call and talk to him. He was also protective of his family and was present when needed. He was loved by his family. When he was together with his older brother Raymond Jones during family get togethers, the family stories they would share would have everyone in tears with laughter. Raymond was a naturally gifted storyteller of family lore, his younger brother Kevin was Raymond’s comedic sidekick.

Kevin valued the friends he grew up with and tried to keep up with everyone. Kevin was raised in the Harlem community. When he moved out of Harlem with his grandparents, Kevin made sure he kept up with his friends and would make trips back to Harlem to be with them. I would say loyalty was another great quality he had.

What comforts his family and friends is that Kevin is now asleep in death and is suffering no more. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Maggie and William Raby; his mother, Gloria Jones; and his brother, Raymond Jones. Left to mourn him are his Aunt and Uncle Barbara and Robert Terry; his sister-in-law, Elaine Jones; nephews, Terrell and Raymond Jones; his siblings, Andrea Bennett, Jeffery Jones, and Clarence Peterson; a host of cousins; as well as his soulmate, Linda Ruiz who was with him to the end.

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Kevin now awaits the promise at Revelation 21:4 which says, *“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.”*

Order of Service

Processional

Selection
“Precious Lord”
Phil Spears

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Words of Encouragement
Maria Sinkler and Tyhesia Richardson

Remarks

Obituary

Selection and Words of Encouragement
Kim Rallings

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION:

Rosehill Crematory
Linden, 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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