

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Kenneth Lavone Nesmith

Sunrise
March 12, 1966

Sunset
December 19, 2021



Graveside Service
Friday, December 31, 2021 • 11:00 a.m.

All Saints Cemetery
855 Middle Neck Road • Great Neck, NY 11024

Obituary

Kenneth Lavone Nesmith “Kenny” went from labor to reward on December 19, 2021 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. The youngest child of the late Clarence Nesmith Sr. and Dorothy Nesmith, Kenneth was born on March 12, 1966 in Long Island. As a young boy his siblings gave him the knick-name “Mikey” based on the Life cereal commercial due to his love of food, especially any and everything his mother cooked. Kenneth loved his family and always looked forward to taking family road trips to South Carolina where he spent time with his cousins.

Kenneth enjoyed his youth and was proud to be from South Ozone Park. He often spoke about his childhood years playing outside with Bobby, Chris, Tyrone and his brother Henry and niece Tren’ness. He was educated in the Queens public school system where he excelled early on. In between studies you could find him on the basketball court showcasing moves he learned from his eldest brother Clarence or handball court showcasing moves picked up from his sisters Dolores and Yvonne. Known for his good looks and style in his teenage years he modeled the latest haircuts complete with designs and colors from Rockaway Blvd top barbers. His eldest sister Doris ensured that he sported the latest styles as long as his grades were good.

A graduate of John Adams High School, Kenneth went to work at JFK Airport as a truck driver. He later lived out a childhood dream and moved to Maryland. New York called and Kenneth returned back to NY where he worked at Verizon as a technician. While assisting in a move he injured his spine and was threaten with paralysis. Through his faith and determination, he was able to walk again. Life proved challenging but he never gave up. He was well loved in the community and was known for his BBQ skills that he picked up from his father. He took pride in frying turkeys and grilling for his friends.

Kenneth had an unwavering commitment to ensuring that his mother “was good” and helping to care for was a badge of honor. He visited her often and

was always a phone call away. When recently asked what a perfect moment would be, he responded a day spent with his daughters Alicia, J'Asia, Alexis and Kashanna, his only grandchild Ayden and of course his mother.

Kenneth knew God and called on him daily. In his final weeks his heart was filled with gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayers and laughs shared as he fought a good fight. He knew that he was never alone as God was always with him. Kenneth wanted his daughters, friends and family to know how grateful he was for your concerns and prayers and that he loved you all with all his heart! Kenneth was preceded in death by his father – Clarence Nesmith Sr., siblings Laurie and Dolores, and nephew Bernard; and leaves to mourn his memory mother, Dorothy Nesmith – “his rock;” his “queens” daughters, Alicia, J'Asia, Alexis, Kyshanna and grandson Ayden; his loving sisters Doris and Yvonne Nesmith, adoring brothers, Clarence Jr. and Henry Nesmith, brother-laws: Ronald Lane and Marvin Washington; nieces Tren'ness (Scott), Shanekwa, and Yasmine, loving girlfriend Carmen, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends – Bobby, Tyrone, Marcus, China, Joyce, Marcia and so many others.

Condolence: Robert “Bobby” Aponte “When I moved to Queens at 9 years old, I was “adopted” by the Nesmith family on my block. Kenneth, Henry, Clarence, Dolores, Doris, Tren'ness, Yvonne and my second mom, Dorothy, all took me in as family. I was always there. I remember my first taste of sweet potato pie that Dorothy made, and man, my life changed. Playing basketball with Kenneth and Henry in their backyard. Clarence Sr and Junie, with their big presence to this lil Puerto Rican kid. The girls were my big sisters and they loved me, treated me like their own. Our families became family. Yesterday we lost Kenneth. Although years got between us, every time we saw each other, we always remembered who we were. I miss those days of innocence and I'll miss who you were to me growing up Kenny. I'll miss seeing you around. Love, “Mira Mira, Bobby.

My deepest thoughts and heartfelt condolences to the entire Nesmith family and Kenny's children. Love you!”

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Message from the Family

The Nesmith Family would like to thank you all for your prayers of condolences. Kenneth earthly presence will be deeply missed. We give thanks as we know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Sleep well knowing that your journey here is complete and our thoughts of you will live on until we meet again.

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