

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Bennett Ludwig Milliner*

*Sunrise*  
*March 11, 1943*

*Sunset*  
*January 15, 2022*



*Service*  
*Thursday, February 3, 2022 • 5:00 p.m.*

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*Dr. Frankco Harris, Officiating*

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-7

Prayer of Consolation ..... Dr. Frankco Harris

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary

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Eulogy ..... Dr. Frankco Harris

Viewing

Benediction ..... Dr. Frankco Harris

Recessional

## Obituary

Saturday, January 15, 2022, **Bennett Ludwig Milliner** went home to be with the LORD.

Bennett, 78 years old, was the son of Ludwig Godfrey Milliner and Christina Evangeline Chinnery Milliner, born March 11, 1943 the 2nd of five children.

Bennett started school on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands before moving to Harlem, NY along with his mother and siblings Patsy, Romeo (deceased in 2020), Basil and Godfrey. His father relocated to New York in 1952 to prepare for his family's arrival in 1953. Bennett attended PS68 and Cooper JHS and left school in the 9th grade. He was blessed to get a job as a Printer Apprentice and became a Unionized Printer which he loved until he retired in 1998.

As a child, he enjoyed playing jokes and taking apart things to see what made them work. Bennett had a few nicknames depending on who you speak with. He was known as Benny, Bun, because of the scar he had on his head that he got from playing in the kitchen and Benny the Blood from being a gang member in the 50's in Harlem.

Bennett believed in Black Culture and was a supporter of the Soap Box Preachers on 125 Street on 7th Ave in Harlem during the late 50's into the 60's such as: Malcolm X, Adam Clayton Powell Jr, Martin Luther King Jr and others who spoke in Harlem at that time.

Bennett loved to party and was a good dancer. He enjoyed playing his favorite music (especially his LP's) which he called Soul Music. The Temptations, Isley Brothers, Sam Cooke, James Brown and others loudly till the wee hours of the morning.

Bennett was a loving and loyal son, father, brother, uncle and friend. He would take his son and nephews to ball games and wrestling matches. When his brother Romeo was diagnosed with kidney disease, he donated a kidney which lasted 31 years until his untimely passing in 2020. He was fiercely protective of the women in his family. Whenever they brought someone new around he would inquire, "WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS!?"

Bennett married Pat Moore March 15, 1964 and they had one son, Bennett Milliner Jr. who drowned in 1984 in a swimming accident. After their divorced, he met and married Deloris Adams in 1981 and had another son Chad Milliner.

As he aged, he enjoyed watching sports discussing politics and other current events.

Unfortunately many years of bad habits led to kidney failure that caused him to have to take Dialysis 3 times a week on top of his diabetes which already took a toll on his body. This led to him being hospitalized quite often and needing Home Care, which his brother Basil took on, and therefore built a stronger bond of love and friendship until his death.

He was preceded in death by; Parents, Ludwig & Christina, Step-Mother Panceita Milliner. Son: Bennett Milliner Jr, Brothers: Romeo Milliner & Kevin Frett.

He is survived by his Son: Chad his wife Crystal and Granddaughters: Kendra Lovaglio Milliner & Aryah Milliner. Daughters: Yolande & Aisha Hill. Grandsons: Jesuri Milliner, Royal Lewis & Akhil Daniels. Newest Addition Great Granddaughter: Kimora Smith born January 29, 2022. Ex-wives Pat Moore and Deloris Adams. Sister, Patsy, Basil and Godfrey. Sisters-in-law Marilyn Milliner, Deborah Milliner and Nolyn Roper. Aunts: Yvonne Bowsky, Leona Smith, Susanna Brin, Esther Milliner. Numerous Cousins, 55 nieces and nephews, Long time friend Gillis (Bobby) Stephens and others.

## *Memories From The Family*

*"I loved my brother and enjoyed taking care of him for the last few years of his life. He was very serious when it came to paying his bills on time. We would reminisce on old times, bicker back and forth. I will miss his sarcasm.*

*"He was a sarcastic son of a gun." **Brother Basil Milliner***

*"I learned many life lessons from my brother Bennett. Whenever he would leave the house in Mt. Morris Park where we grew up, I would sneak out and follow to see where he was going. What was amazing was watching him play baseball when we were young boys. He was a switch hitter and I never knew what that was until I saw him do it and that led me to teach my sons and grandsons to switch hit." **Brother Godfrey Milliner***

*Growing up as the only girl and the eldest with 4 brothers was not an easy task. Bennett was always the leader forgetting his brothers usually in trouble. I will miss that smile he had when he realized he succeeded in riling up his brothers in one of their silly discussions. **Sister Patsy***

*Rachelle & Brandon remembered sleepovers where uncle Bennett would make omelets with peas and carrots and all types of ingredients that were not kid friendly.*

*Marilyn and Romeo enjoyed weekend bowling with him and Pat. And later on his Fish Fry weekends with him and Deloris in Queens*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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