

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Curtis L. Fenner

Sunrise
April 11, 1950

Sunset
October 5, 2022



Memorial Service
Friday, October 28, 2022 • 4:30 p.m.

ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.
191-02 Linden Blvd. • St. Albans, New York 11412

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional Rev. Seretta McKnight

Welcome Shareem Braxton

Solo Charisse Larke

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament (Isaiah 41:10) - Alicia Glymph

New Testament (Matthew 11:28-30) - Roxanne Raeburn

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Seretta McKnight

Praise Dance..... Tameka Jackson

Reflections & Remarks Friends & Family (2 min limit)

Solo Aisha Stevenson

Obituary Brian Booker

Solo Aisha Stevenson

Acknowledgments..... Shareem Braxton

Eulogy Rev. Seretta McKnight

Military Honors..... US Army

Recessional

Obituary

Curtis L. Fenner was born April 11, 1950, in Suffolk, Virginia, to the late George Fenner and Mammie Jordan. Curtis made his earthly transition suddenly on October 5, 2022, at Sentara Obici Hospital, in Suffolk, Virginia with his family steadfast at his side.

Curtis was raised in Suffolk, Virginia with his big family that consisted of 6 siblings. There was never a dull moment in their household.

When Curtis was in his early teens at John F. Kennedy Middle School, he excelled in football. It was not long before his talents were recognized by his coach and peers. As a result of his athletic achievements, he earned the nickname “Hogeye”. After High School, he was looking forward to serving his country. Curtis proudly enlisted in the United States Army, where he received the rank of Sergeant First Class. He was later honorably discharged. At this time Curtis decided to leave the South. He relocated to New York and made Queens his new home and enlisted in the Army Reserve. During this time his daughter Shannon Fenner was born.

After dating for several years in Queens, New York he met Valerie and her young daughter Jenay Freeman who he would raise as his own. In 1987, after several years of courting with his Southern Charm, Curtis and Valerie united in holy matrimony. They lived at 48 Milburn Avenue in Hempstead. Their residence became known to many as “Home”, as 48 Milburn was always open to anyone in need of a space to stay. Curtis and Valerie hosted many family gatherings, game nights, boxing fight nights, barbecues, fish fries and of course, football. It was no secret that he was a die-hard Jets fans so football season at the house was always game on. Curtis loved life and enjoyed entertaining. Although he did not indulge in alcohol, surprisingly to many he created his very own specialty cocktail “Sex on the Beach”, which always got the party started!

Curtis was a true southern gentleman who was a great provider with a strong work ethic. Not only a hard working man, but he was also a caring husband, loving father, and unyielding role model. Family was at the epicenter of all he did. These innate qualities he instilled in all of his children. He was a proud grandfather, loyal brother, supportive uncle, and dear friend. Curtis genuinely cared about everyone’s well-being. He took great pride and comfort in spending time with his family. Watching his children and grandchildren gave him the greatest pleasure and put the biggest smile on his face.

Curtis loved his life and enjoyed simple things like eating out, visiting amusement parks, playing cards, and traveling. He had two favorite pastimes, fishing and a deep affection for gospel music and shows. He did not hesitate to travel across state lines to attend one. Some of his favorites were the Mighty Clouds of Joy and The Blind Boys of Alabama.

Curtis was also a God-fearing man who like most of us are not perfect, but he tried. He kept a close relationship with Jesus Christ and was a member of Union Baptist in Hempstead, New York where he shared his vocals and sung harmonically on the Men’s Choir. After relocating back to his roots in Suffolk, Virginia he became very involved at New Bethel Church where he dutifully worked to assist with his clergy duties.

Curtis has left a profound legacy that will live on and be remembered by many. He will be truly missed and could never be forgotten. He leaves to cherish his precious memories his wife, Valerie Fenner of NY; son, Devon Fenner (Cheryl); daughters, Shannon Fenner, Jenay Freeman and Tynese Morton; grandchildren, Michael Walker, Jashe Harris, Devon Fenner, Jr., Dahshaun Fenner, Dahjaye Fenner, Jordan Fenner, Devyn Fenner and the late, Dominic Fenner, who preceded him in death; sisters, Magdalena Wallace and Pearl Fenner; brother, George Fenner; loving godson Brain Booker; and a host of nieces, nephews and special friends.

God Saw You

*God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put His arms around you
And whispered "Come to me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched you
As you slowly slipped away
And though we loved you dearly
We couldn't make you stay.*

*Your golden heart stopped beating
Your tired hands put to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best*

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!

Professional Services Provided By:

Roy L. Gilmore's Funeral Home, Inc.



Angela Gilmore-Manning, *President*

Ph (718) 529-3030 • (718) 528-7765

Fax (718) 712-2108 • (718) 528-2575

Email: royl.gilmorefuneralhome@verizon.net

191-02 Linden Blvd. • St. Albans, NY 11412





