

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL



Anthony Morris Shaw

November 9, 1944 - October 17, 2022

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 - 9:45am

Church of Holy Name of Jesus - St. Gregory the Great
207 W. 96th Street
New York, NY 10025
Rev. Father George Sears, Pastor

Order Of Funeral Mass

Prelude..... “How Great Thou Art”

Entrance Hymn..... “Amazing Grace”

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Wisdom 3:1-6, 9.....Judith Sturgis

Responsorial Psalm..... Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading - Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 5:5-11...Nirvana Shaw

Gospel Acclamation..... “Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Gospel and Homily.....Bishop Gerard Walsh

Prayer of the Faithful

People Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn.....“Ave Maria”

Presentation of the Gifts

of Bread and Wine....Donna Brown, Jasmine Williams & Harper Watson

Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

The Great Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn.....“Ave Maria”

(Please Note: Tony requested that this hymn be sung twice at his funeral mass)

Final Commendation

Sprinkling and incensing of the coffin

In Paradisium

“Heaven”

Recessional Hymn.....“On Eagle’s Wings”

INTERMENT:

Calverton National Cemetery

Calverton, New York

Obituary

(Read in silence)

Anthony Morris Shaw, affectionately called Tony was the eighth of the ten children of Leleith Burgess Shaw and Gladstone Shaw. Tony was born in the Bronx, NY. His educational experience included graduation from Saint Anthony of Padua Elementary School and Morris High School in the Bronx. Upon graduation from Morris High School, Tony enlisted in the Air Force and soon after was sent to Vietnam. He received an honorable discharge and a special membership in the American Legion for outstanding service and loyalty to the United States of America. Upon his return from Vietnam, he attended Bronx Community College and City College of New York, where he received a Bachelor's Degree.

During his years at Saint Anthony's, Tony was a most outstanding altar server. Some priests would request his service because of his dedication and expertise. At this time Tony received many awards and honors for his dedication and service to the church.

Tony began his years of employment running a concession stand at Orchard Beach, often working a seven day week. Upon returning from Vietnam, Tony was employed by the N.Y.C. Housing and Preservation Development as a property manager. Then he moved on to the City of N.Y. Department of Veterans Affairs where he advocated for the rights and benefits of veterans. Afterwards, he diligently worked for the N.Y.C. Department of Parks, refurbishing Crotona Park in the Bronx. After Crotona Park was modernized, Tony was employed with Twin Parks Management Co. then on to a position with the N.Y.S. Housing Department as the head of Minority and Women's Affairs.

Afterwards, he worked for the Bovis Construction Company that was based in a trailer outside of the World Trade Center. Tony was on his way to a meeting when he saw the first plane crash into the World Trade Center Tower. He ran back to the trailer to warn his colleagues and urging them to leave immediately. Tony was caught by the dust cloud and had to walk home, but he was comforted by the fact that he saved his colleagues from the collapse of the towers. As usual, Tony moved on and did not let the 9/11 disaster define him. Later on he took a position with the Shinda Management Co., managing some of their properties.

John Shaw stated, "I couldn't have a more loving and generous brother. He always put family before himself". If you were ill or needed any type of help, Tony would be there. He was caring, generous, funny, helpful and highly motivated. When illness befelled Tony he would find a way to move past it and keep moving forward. He was helpful to everyone who knew him. Tony networked and had many connections which he shared with colleagues, friends and family. He also had a great sense of humor. One of his favorite movies was "Dr. Strangelove or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb."

Preceding him in death were: his parents; three brothers, Douglas Leon, Gladstone Shaw, Jr. and Arthur Shaw; his sister, Phyllis Shaw; and longtime friend, James Ling. He is survived by: two sisters, Mary Arlene Williams and Hyacinth Brea; and three brothers, Franklin Shaw, John Shaw and Raymond Shaw. Additionally, he is survived by Sue Ann Ling, Unika Canton and her children, Star, Deshawn, Tyshawn and Kayshawn.

Also left behind to cherish his memory are four generations of family members including at least twelve nieces and nephews, a host of cousins and other relatives and longtime friend, Leo Almonte. Tony was also grateful for his many friends and neighbors at this last residence, who embellished his life with their love, caring, thoughtful words and deeds. His family extends heartfelt thanks to all of you.

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 Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, 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 savored 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!
-author unknown

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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