



Celebrating The Life of
John Steven Parks

Sunrise
May 4, 1942

Sunset
April 28, 2023



Service

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 • 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

202-03 Hollis Avenue • Jamaica, New York 11412

Dr. Frankco Harris, Officiating

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional Clergy & Family

Prayer of Comfort Dr. Frankco Harris

Scripture Readings Rev. Nellie Foster

Old Testament

New Testament

Musical Selection

Reflections..... 3 minutes

Solo

Obituary & AcknowledgementsLennika Doby

Solo

Eulogy..... Dr. Frankco Harris

Final Viewing..... Gilmore Funeral Home

A Closing Prayer

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Pinelawn Cemetery
Farmingdale, New York

Obituary

*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”
Mathew 5:8*

John Steven Parks was born on May 4, 1942, in Lincolnton, Georgia. He was the eldest of four children born to the late Alice Parks-Doby. On April 28, 2023, God called John home to eternal rest.

At a young age, John's family moved to Jamaica, New York following his grandparents John and Georgia Parks, who were instrumental in providing a strong family environment that nurtured him into adulthood.

John received his elementary and High School education in the NYC Public School System. After High School, he married the late Diane Little. Through this union two children were born: Jeanine Parks and the late Darlene Parks.

“Parks” as he was called by many, was a hardworking family man. He enjoyed many family gatherings, especially the yearly 4th of July family BBQ at his grandparents' home that brought together a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Parks worked several jobs before being hired by the NYC Department of Sanitation where after many years of service he retired. He then moved to Springhill, Florida where he purchased a home that his children, grandchildren, and relatives could come visit in a loving environment. He was an excellent self-made chef and enjoyed cooking for his family. However, if you cooked for him, you better not burn his pots and pans and remember to put everything back where you found it. Every once in a while, his eyes were always watching you in the kitchen. He was everyone's cheerleader with a million-dollar smile.

He also found love again and married his best friend Vanessa, where they enjoyed traveling and cruising the seas together. Not one to just sit around, he stayed active and took a part time job as a Bus Driver transporting children to and from school until his health required him to slow down.

Parks accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He loved to say, “I AM A CHILD OF THE KING.” Parks was preceded in death by his stepfather, John Doby; two brothers, Mitchell (Mickey) and Stewart Doby, and daughter, Darlene Parks.

He leaves to rejoice his memory; a loving daughter, Jeanine; beloved sister, Sharon and Cammie; six grandchildren; Keishaun, Taijena, Natasha, Karon, Javonie and Sharif; one great-grandson, Kyier; a sister-in-law; Terry Doby; two Godchildren, LaTisha Jennings and Kevin Chestnut; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

*Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.
Share the happy memories we have made.
Do not let them wither or fade.
I will be with you in the summer's sun
and when the winter's chill has come.
I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.
I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep.
But the memories we've shared are yours to keep.
Sometimes our final days may be a test,
but remember me when I was at my best.
Although things may not be the same,
don't be afraid to use my name.
Let your sorrow last for just a while.
Comfort each other and try to smile.
I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.
Live on now, make me proud
of what you will become.*

Pallbearers

Adam Hogan • Lawrence Mack
Damon Murray • Antoine Tutt
Wayne Tutt • Christopher Zeigler

Acknowledgements

The family would like to express our appreciation for every act of kindness that has been expressed through calls, prayers, cards and beautiful flowers. Thank you for your love and support during this most difficult time.

The Family

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