

In Loving Memory of Leonard Banks



Sunrise
August 4, 1947

Sunset
April 16, 2011

Monday, April 25, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

Pastor Emanuel Westbrook, Officiating
Marvin Hadley, Organist

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional of Family

Selection Emanuel Robinson

The Scriptures Pastor Emanuel Westbrook

Acknowledgements

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Emanuel Westbrook

Selection Davena Gilyard

Remarks

Obituary Pastor Emanuel Westbrook

Selection Organist

Eulogy Pastor Emanuel Westbrook

Pay of Last Respects

Interment

*Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York*

Repast

*251 West 114th Street
New York, NY*

Obituary


Leonard Banks was born on August 4, 1947. He was the son of the late Rose Boston and late Leon Banks. He departed this earth Saturday, April 16, 2011.

Leonard was born and raised on 133rd Street in Harlem, New York. Leonard was known to many by "Nervous". He attended P.S. 119 Elementary, Junior High School Frederick Douglas and he successfully graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School. Soon after completing high school Leonard joined the Air Force, where he served his country from 1966-1970 then released with an honorable discharge. He worked for the Postal Service for several years. He also worked for West Harlem Community Organization, where he remained until their doors closed for business. Leonard was smart, caring, loving and touched the hearts of everyone he came in contact with.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Caseme Banks; one granddaughter, Messiah Banks; his twin brother, Leon Banks; one sister, Heniretta Hunter; two sisters-in-law, Helen Hunter and Sarah Banks; four nieces, Christine, Yolanda, Denise and Belinda; four nephews, Leon, II, David, Carinthein and Darryl; and a host of other family members and friends.

Sleep on Leonard take your rest. We all loved you but God loved you best.

Footprints



One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".

-Mary Stevenson

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow. Special thanks to Gregory and Madyson Jackson for comforting Leonard during his final days.

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