

Homegoing Service For
Berle Leo Easton, Sr.

Sunrise
June 8, 1937

Sunset
May 16, 2011



UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

Elder Harris, Officiating
Rev. Tyrone Richardson, Organist

Obituary

Berle Leo Easton, Sr. was born on June 8, 1937 in Chicago, Illinois. He was the only male child born to Amos Easton and Gladys Price.

On February 26, 1955 he married his “Soul Mate” Ardeana Conliffe.

Berle attended the New York City Public School system.

On Monday, May 16, 2011 the trumpet sounded and the music began to play, Heavens gates opened and into the arms of his Lord and Savior, Berle strolled down the street paved with GOLD.

If you knew Berle you knew of his multi-talents which included singing and the use of his hands to build any and every thing. From a re-creation of the Firehouse located on 114th and 5th Avenue to shop located at 1660 Madison Apartment 9G third room in the back “Grandpa’s Workshop”. He was known by numerous names, “Inspector Gadget” and “Daddy Kool Breeze”.

If you had to describe him he was affectionately called amongst his family and close friends “Big Berle”, unlike in a Royal Family where you have “a” Berle I, Berle II and Berle III, we have Big Berle, Little Berle and Wee Berle.

A further description of him would be in Ebonics “you so stuuuuuupid!!!!!!” You either laughed with him or at him; most often, it was the latter because of his humorous personality.

His most used phrase was “OOOOOOOOH S- - -”. When the EMT workers lifted him above the banister to remove him from the house he said loudly “OOOOOH S- - - -“, making a serious situation comical. This gave hope that “all would be alright” but GOD knew he would not be returning to 1387 Remsen again but had already prepared Big Berle’s room.

To cherish his memory and continue his legacies are: his beloved wife of fifty-six years, Ardeana; his children, Sandra, Vera, Berle, Jr. (Lil Berle), Becky, Diane and Steven; his eight grandchildren, Shannon (Mook), Erica, Olivette, Kashauna, Jerjuan, Keenan, Berle III (Wee Berle) and Michael; his nine great grandchildren, Joshua, Frankie, Chaila, Sayon, Kayra, Shannon-Milan, Zymir and E’Raya. We all have favorites; well Big Berle’s favorite great grandchild was his heart, his helper, “Baby Girl” Sumaya. She spent a great deal of time with him which he stated on numerous occasions kept his adrenaline flowing. His aunt, Gloria Collingsworth; his in-laws, Florence Perkins, Dellas Seale, Carol Aldridge (husband, Lawrence), Lawrence Seale (wife, Elba), Lawrence, Donna Seale; as well as their children; along with a host of cousins and friends.

~Respectfully Submitted, The Family~

Order of Service

Processional The Family

Opening Prayer Elder Joyce Jackson

Scripture Readings Elder Joyce Jackson

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Solo

Acknowledgements from the Family Elder Joyce Jackson

Obituary Elder Joyce Jackson

Solo

Eulogy Elder Harris

Final Viewing

Solo

Closing Prayer Elder Harris

Recessional "I'll Fly Away"

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory

Chester, New York

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!*

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Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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