

*In Loving Memory of*



*Lewis Arthur Barksdale*

*Sunrise*  
May 24, 1945

*Sunset*  
July 31, 2011

Service

Thursday, August 11, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

*Rev. Nelson C. Dukes, Jr., Officiating*  
*Minister Tyrone Richardson, Organist*

## Obituary

**Lewis Arthur Barksdale** was known by those who loved him as “Buck” and upon arriving in New York he was known as “Country”. Lewis was born the 4th of 6 children on May 24, 1945 to the late Mr. Lee Arthur Barksdale and Mrs. Marion C. Barksdale in Halifax County, Virginia. Lewis completed his primary and high school education in Virginia. He also served his Country during the Vietnam War, and was “Honorably Discharged” in 1974. This was followed by his career with the New York City Housing Authority and the New York City Department of Sanitation.

Lewis was a handsome, confident, loyal, generous, charismatic, fun loving man with a big heart. He was known to have a great passion for good food, good times and laughter. Lewis was great with his hands, he was a master craftsman and was always willing to help someone work on their home (as long as some type of payment was made – ha, ha). To know Lewis was to love Lewis, even when he made you mad, you couldn’t stay mad for long because he always had a way to make you laugh. “Oh my Goodness” Lewis made a lasting impression on everyone he met. He definitely left his mark in this world and he will truly be missed. Today we mourn our loss, celebrate his life, and treasure his memory.

On Sunday, July 31, 2011, the Lord called Lewis home. He leaves to mourn and cherish his memory: two siblings his sister, Patricia and his brother, James; four children, Audrey, Troy, Karen and Kirk; eleven grandchildren, Patrice, Damien, Latik, Tevon, Monei, Troy Jr, Corey, Shana, Kaseem, Kirk, Jr and Janine; three great grandchildren, Corey, Sania and Raymond; and one great great grandchild, Amiyah; also a whole host of other loving relatives, former co-workers and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Eulogy ..... Rev. Nelson C. Dukes, Jr.

Selection

Committal

Viewing

Recessional



## **Interment**

Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, 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, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found 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 seem 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!

## *Acknowledgement*

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



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