



*In Loving Memory of*  
*Thomas Spivey, Sr.*  
*"Little Joe"*

*Sunrise*  
*May 3, 1935*

*Sunset*  
*August 8, 2011*

**Service**

Monday, August 22, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

*Bishop Ben T. Gibson, Sr., Officiating*  
*Bobby Arrington, Organist*

## Obituary

**Thomas Spivey** (aka) Little Joe was born in Windsor, NC on May 3, 1935 to the parents of Annie Lear Spivey and Thomas Gilliam. He attended the Windsor, NC Public School system, and followed his older brother, Albert in 1950 to Harlem, NYC, and was later joined by his twin sister, Mary.

Upon arriving to Harlem Little Joe was first gainfully employed in the garment district with his brother, Albert, and later he became a very successful number writer (hint 310) to provide for his family. The money was just that good he spent the majority of his life hustling in the streets of Harlem where he made his living, and he loved every minute of it until his health failed. Later he did maintenance work cleaning weight watchers offices all over New York City.

In 1955 Joe married Delores Marhold Spivey and from that union they had two children, his first son, Irving Thomas Spivey, and his first daughter, Iris Spivey Dixon who gave him a granddaughter named Kristy. After eleven years of marriage Joe and Delores divorced. He then remarried on October 5, 1968 to Carolyn Cleveland Spivey, and from that union he had his second son, Tommy Spivey Jr. who has given him two grandchildren, Jada and Desiree, and Desiree has given Little Joe a great grandchild name Kiani. Joe also had a relationship with Sabrina Barner and he was the father of five children, Khalil, Khyra, Norrell, Khyam and Natkhia, and he has six grandchildren from that relationship, Tyreck, Juliana, Chase, Dillon, Tyliee and Maykhla.

Little Joe was a member of the C&R Adult Day Care Center, he loved being a part of it everyday, that was his Tulsa bar. He would dress up and look forward to going there everyday. Oh yes he was the same Little Joe just without the corner of 120th and 8th Ave.

The Spivey family would like to give a special thanks to the C & R organization for all the hard work they did for Little Joe in the last days of his life, and for all the senior citizens that they take care of like family. He was also a member of the Progressive Baptist Church.

Surviving Family: Oldest Son Irving, Wife Carolyn Cleveland Spivey, Only Living Uncle Isiah (Ike) and his wife Diana Spivey, Brother Albert Spivey, Twin Sister Mary Spivey Dingle, Josephine Gurley, Butch and Gloria Parker, Evon Gilliam, Debbie Gilliam Stevenson, Steve Gilliam Jr., Mary Brown (Lil Sis), Cora Lee, Simon Spivey Jr., Larma Spivey, Murman Spivey, Blauch Spivey, Vinia Spivey, Audrey Heckstall, etc.

Nieces and Nephews; Glen Spivey, Diane Spivey Wade, Steven Spivey (Pee Wee), Albert Spivey Junior, Joseph Benart Gurley (JB), Wanda Gurley, Benjamin D. Gurley, Albert Marhold, Donna Marhold, Yvette Marhold, Linda Marhold, Michael Thompson, Mitchell Thompson, Myra Thompson, Monica Thompson, Randy Dingle, Doretha Dingle Brown, Dennis Dingle, Al Mebane, Anthony Heckstall, Jeanette Heckstall, Carol Jane Gurley, Felecia Freeman, Gerald Freeman, Stacy Speller, Shakir Speller, Carla Steveson, Trish Canton, Lloyd Beard and Lazette Webb; and a whole host of other family members.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

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Committal

Viewing

Recessional



## **Interment**

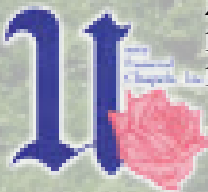
Ferncliff Cemetery  
Hartsdale, New York

# *The Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come. Thy will be done  
in earth, as it is in heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread. And  
forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors. And lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil: For Thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory, for ever. Amen.*

## *Acknowledgement*

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



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