

*In Loving Memory of*

*Calvin W. Collins, Sr.*

*Sunrise*

May 29, 1923

*Sunset*

April 11, 2012

Service

Monday, April 16, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Edward Culvert, Officiating*

*Rev. David Jenkins, Organist*

## Obituary

**Calvin W. Collins, Sr.** born in Kingston, Jamaica on May 29, 1923 to the late Teresa Gray and John Collins, which he was one of five siblings, Rafael, Louise, Kathleen and Robert which he developed the nick name peanut being the smallest in stature.

Calvin Collins, Sr. would soon grow into a young man where he would learn a trade to become a shoe maker, where in the near future he would migrate to America to apply his profession and Venture out to become a custodial maintenance worker at V.A. Hospital. Throughout those years he would meet a young woman by the name of Susan Foster which would become his wife to be on his birthday May 29, 1954. They would have two children together, the late Diane Collins and his present son, Calvin Collins, married thirty-four years until the Lord decided to call Susan Collins home to be with him the year of 1988.

Starting in the early 1990's Calvin Sr. would discover love, joy and happiness with a lovely lady named Martha Cheathem where he would live again and they shared twenty-two memorable years together in the latter part of his life until he was called home to retire with the Lord.

Calvin Sr. has become the foundation and leader of a path for his family to follow by being small in stature and mighty with words showing us throughout his life that anything you want in life you must work hard for it. These examples have been left for his seven grandchildren, which are Lawrence Brooks, Keisha Brooks, Calvin Collins III, Calvin C. Collins, Charonda Williams, Tiffany Collins and Calvin Collins; five great grandchildren which are Calvin L. Huddleston, Kalani Brooks, La'nysia S. Way, Starasia Collins and Calvin Collin Jr.; his nephews that are Lloyd, Errol and Anthony; niece, Jean; step-son, Mark Cheathem; daughter-in-law, Shameka Collins; with sister-in-law, Gloria that he leaves to prosper and grow.

*Who said life is short, God said I come that you might have life and  
Have it More Abundantly*

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture**

**Prayer**

Calvin Collins III

**Selection**

Jimmy Gilmore

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

Calvin Collins III

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

**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!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences and best wishes during our time of bereavement.

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