

*A Celebration of Life  
In Loving Memory of*

*Mr. Lee Earnest Blackmon*

*Sunrise*

November 23, 1922

*Sunset*

July 3, 2012



Service

Thursday, July 12, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**

240 West 145th Street • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Antonio D. Anderson, Officiating  
Marvin Hadley, Organist*

## Obituary

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?*

*Psalm 27:1*

**Lee Earnest Blackmon**, son of the late Deacon Rufus and Deaconess Nannie Jackson Blackmon was born in Darlington County, SC on November 23, 1922. He quietly entered into his eternal rest on July 3, 2012 at the Jewish Home and Hospital Life Care. Lee was reared in a Christian home. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at an early age. Lee was baptized and became a faithful member and usher of Jerusalem Baptist Church. He was educated in the Hartsville Area School system. Lee joined the Union Baptist Church. He served his country well and was honorably discharged.

Lee was a remarkable person who demonstrated love, kindness, faith, humility, commitment, courage and unselfishness. He was always joyful and grateful. He was committed to God and family. Lee relocated to NY as a teenager to pursue his dream. He had a passion for boxing. "Lee Black" professional and affectionately known as "Slugger". He fought for several years and was widely known not only as a good fighter but a great prize fighter. Lee later became trainer and manager of fighters. He not only enjoyed his work he fulfilled his dream. His career allowed him to travel worldwide.

After several years of courtship Lee married Thelma Dunaway. From this union one son, Larry and one daughter, Arnette were born. Lee was a loving husband and devoted father, grandfather and family man.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Elmore and three sisters, Melrose, Harweda and Elsie.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his beloved wife, Thelma; one son, Larry; one daughter, Arnette; one brother, Deacon George Blackmon; one sister, Mrs. Nezzie; sister-in-law; father-in-law, grandchildren; his three grandsons, Robert, Ranell and Larry Blackmon who continuously cared for him through his remaining years of life.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Hymn #27 ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 90

New Testament

Prayer

Hymn

Reflections

Acknowledgements

Words of Comfort

Hymn

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 you see.  
I took His hand when I heard His 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've 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,  
Ah, yes those 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've 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 hearts and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during the passing of their loved one.

May God richly bless each of you.

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