

Funeral Service for



Arthur Lee Spurling

Sunrise

February 29, 1940

Sunset

July 23, 2012

Service

Tuesday, July 31, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.

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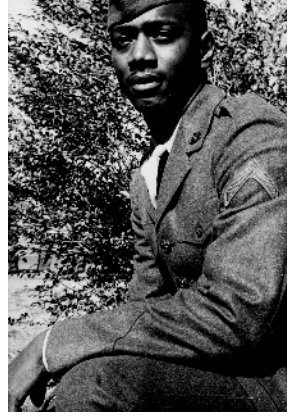
St. Albans, New York 11412

Rev. Charles Griffin, Officiating

Prof. Keith Proctor, Organist

Obituary

Arthur Lee Spurling was born on February 29, 1940 in Donora, Pennsylvania, to the late Elisha James Spurling and the late Ida Mae (Roddy) Spurling. He passed away on July 23, 2012 at the age of seventy-two. The family relocated later to Queens, New York from Donora during the 1950's. Lee, as he preferred to be called, graduated from Flushing High School, where he was active on the Football and Track teams. Soon after graduating high school he enlisted into the United States Marine Corp. When asked how long he served, Lee would quickly respond "four years, four months and four days."



Lee worked in various city and government jobs as a New York City Police Officer, Police Administrative Aide and Post Office Clerk. He also ventured out as an entrepreneur at Five Brothers Steak House located in Laurelton, NY. He met the love of his life, Beverly in 1985 and married her in 1989. That union was blessed with three wonderful sons, Jason, Alexander and Evan.

Lee had many attributes, he was "the life of the party", proud (never walked with his head down), humorous (loved telling jokes or funny stories), knowledgeable (especially in African American, American and Cinema History), loved to dance (knew the latest dances from the fifties and sixties) and sing (he thought he was Nat "King" Cole and Smokey Robinson and Jackie Wilson). He also loved Jazz and the Motown Sound.

Lee enjoyed sports, such as boxing (competed while in the Marines), martial arts (in which he made it to the Green Belt) football (Semi Professional Football in which he was a member of the Elmhurst Red Devils Team).

Overall Lee loved life and loved his family, especially his children. He wanted his children to definitely be all that they could be in society and to enjoy life to the fullest.

Lee is survived by: his loving wife, Beverly H. Spurling; children, Sonya Anita Spurling (ex-wife, Anna Lee Spurling), Jason Anthony Cecil Spurling, Pfc Alexander Noel Elijah Spurling; daughter-in-law, Vicky Spurling and Evan Xavier Ross Spurling; siblings, Junetta S. White, Gwendolyn S. Parham, William James Spurling and Ronald Andrew Spurling; aunt, Jessie Mae Mitchell (only surviving sibling of his mother), mother-in-law, Virginia Holder; father-in-law, Cecil Holder; sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Elisha James Spurling, Jr. (better known as E. J.) and Joseph Elmer Spurling.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection “Amazing Grace” - Heather O’Harra

Scripture Pastor Cecil Holder
Spiritual Baptist Church • Brooklyn, NY

Prayer of Consolation

Selection Linda Mitchell

Acknowledgements & Remarks

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Eulogy Rev. Charles Griffin
Bridge Street A.W.M.E. Church

Benediction Rev. Charles Griffin

Recessional

Musician Prof. Keith Proctor, Minister of Music
Bridge Street A.W.M.E. Church

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Caleverton, New York

The Measure of A Man

*Someone once said that
"The measure of a man is rarely evidenced
by what he did in life but...
His true measure is counted by those
whom he loved and by those who loved him."*



Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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