

*In Loving Memory of*



*Raymond P. Perkins*

*Sunrise*  
December 2, 1947

*Sunset*  
October 30, 2012

Service

Sunday, November 11, 2012 - 4:00 p.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**  
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## *Obituary*

**Mr. Raymond Patrick Perkins** was born on December 2, 1947 to Rita and Melvin Perkins in Lincoln Hospital, Bronx, New York. After losing both his parents, Raymond was raised by two aunts, Mrs. Erma Talleur and Mrs. Doris Archibald. Raymond graduated from Morris High School, Bronx, New York. He served as a Civil Service Worker for many years. Prior to losing his only brother, Andrew Perkins at the age of twenty, he briefly enrolled into the U.S. Military. Upon his return from serving his Country, he worked with a private community ambulate service. His last dedication to serving others was with special needs children for a period of twelve years under the New York State Board of Education.

Raymond met his soul mate, the love of his life, Linda Kelly in 1984. They became best friends and were later married. Through that union they were blessed with five children, Timothy, Harold, Rita, Tiffany and Raymond Jr. and Raymond Sr. He also leaves behind eleven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles, and many cousins who were raised as his sisters and brothers and a host of friends.

Raymond was a loving and dedicated husband, father and friend. He was very private about his family life. He enjoyed spending time with his wife and children. Raymond constantly played jokes on his family because he loved seeing them smile. He was multi-talented. He loved to draw, sing and could make just about anyone smile.

Raymond departed this earth on October 30, 2012 at 4:47 p.m. He will be truly missed. Although the family is in a state of grief, there is joy in our hearts that we have had the honor to have been in the presence of such a strong, kind soul.

“Although it’s difficult to see beyond the sorrow, may looking

# *Order of Service*

Processional ..... Pastor C. Cradle Residing

Selection ..... Congregational Hymn

Scripture ..... Elder Humphrey

Old Testament ..... Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament ..... Revelation 21:4-7

Prayer of Comfort ..... Elder Humphrey

Selection ..... “Amazing Grace”

Acknowledgement and Obituary ..... Carol Majors

Selection ..... “I Won’t Complain”

Eulogy ..... Pastor C. Cradle

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Benediction ..... Church of the True and Living God

Parting View

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 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 acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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