

In Loving Memory of



*"I'm Not Always Right
But I'm Right This Time"*

Gerald Parris, Jr.

Sunrise

March 25, 1948

Sunset

June 18, 2013

Service

Monday, June 24, 2013 - 2:00 p.m.

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY

Obituary

Gerald entered this world on March 25, 1948 in New York City, to the late Gerald Parris, Sr. and Catherine Thrower-Parris. Gerald was raised in the Bronx at 1352 Clinton Avenue by his mother Catherine Brown and stepfather Joseph Brown, Sr. He was the third of six children.

After graduating from Samuel Gompers High School, Gerald enlisted into the United States Army where he was sent after basic training to Missile School. After receiving an Honorable Discharge he joined the NYC Transit Authority as an Electrician for about two years before gaining employment with the **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW-Local 3 Union)**. He began as an apprentice and ended as a journeyman. There are five steps to becoming a journeyman, which takes years of work and learning. Gerald aced them all. He belonged to the Lewis Latimer Club (which is in the IBEW).

He believed in helping others and giving back to the community. Gerald helped young men get into the Union (which is not easy) and he helped young people in his community get jobs even by putting up his own finances.

Gerald was a wonderful brother, good father, grandfather, uncle and friend.

Gerald leaves to cherish memories: a devoted and loving companion, Christine Kinard; his best friend, Luis Figueroa; four heirs, Jamar, Rasan, Rasheed and Tahir; two daughters, Rhonda and Tia; ten grandchildren, Courtney, Tylik, Tamyra, Jahmir, Amir, Makai, Javier, Malia, Ziya and Rasan, Jr.; five siblings, Joseph, Jr. (Joan), Frances, Rosalind (Howard), Jennifer and Sandra; one uncle, Edward Brown; as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

As you will be missing me, I will be missing you. Thank you for the memories. It has been my pleasure to walk hand and hand with you and spend life, love and laughter on my journey home.

Sorrowfully submitted

The Family

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Gary Anglin

Prayer

Selection

Gary Anglin

Acknowledgements and Cards

Rassan Parris

Reflection

Cliff Campbell

Keith Campbell

Obituary Reading

Jennifer Brown

Selection

Gary Anglin

Eulogy

Joseph Brown, Jr.

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

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

"Learn to Listen & Listen to Learn"

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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