

Sunrise
September 27, 1921

Sunset June 23, 2013

Service

Friday, June 28, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1512 Webster Avenue • Bronx, NY 10457

<u>Obituary</u>

Leonard Foster Fraser God's Lion Strength

On September 27, 1921 **Leonard Foster Fraser** was born to Etheline Ess and Sidney Fraser in Manhattan, New York. He was the fifth child of 5 children. While living in Harlem he met and be-wedded his life-long soulmate of 62 years, Dorothy Rebecca Williams, on May 21, 1949 in New York. They had two children, Leonard Alphonso Fraser, and daughter, June Debra Fraser.

Leonard's Life

Leonard was a supply associate by profession and also specialized in carpentry. At the age of 21 he was drafted in 1942 and had basic training at Fort Huachuca in Arizona, the facility reserved for all-black Army Divisions. He served in World War II in the First Battalion, Negro Division, 93rd Calvary Reconnaissance and was a decorated marksman where he fought in New Guinea and Northern Solomons. He received an honorable discharge in 1946 and was presented an American Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal. His passions included making various carpentry items, dancing, singing, collecting antique items and most of all socializing with people from all walks of life. For all those who were blessed to meet him, the overall characteristics that stood out was his love for life, his compassion for the downtrodden, his humbleness, his positive attitude and his beloved signature smile. He loved the Lord and his favorite saying was, "Let not your heart be troubled." Leonard upheld the title of "Sergeant Fraser" in the family and was frequently greeted with a salute by both family and friends. He was a beloved Father to all as he touched many lives and leaves a profound legacy. His walk in life left permanent footprints.

He never feared death and went out as the brave and courageous soldier he was.

Leonard's Family

Leonard will be reunited with his mother, Etheline; his father, Sidney; his wife, Dorothy; his son, Leonard; his brothers, Alphonso and Sidney and his sister, Gwendolyn. He leaves behind his sister, Cynthia; his daughter, June; his grandchildren, Jacob, Tania, Rayshawna and John; his great-grandchildren, Kayla, Tiasia and Jourdyn; his nieces, Dolores, Joan, Vanessa, Veronica, Beverly and Kathy; his nephews, 2 Alphonso's, Lamont, David, Paul and Jerry and a host of other relatives



Let not your heart be troubled.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

Old Testament New Testament

Gospel

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Reading of Obituary

Final Blessing

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York

For My Family and Loved Ones

Let Not Not Your Heart Be Troubled John 14:1-3

14: 1Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

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The Lord has taken me from you, Although I won't be very far. Know that I will be watching through the sunshine And through the brightness of stars.

I'll be watching all of you, From the heavens up above. So take good care of each other And carry all my love.

If you're ever wondering if I'm there, Here's where you can start. Take a look inside yourself, Within the deepest pits of your heart.

Close your eyes and open up your soul, And I guarantee that you will see your beloved Leonard Embracing you from God's kingdom above.



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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