

*Memorial Service of Celebration  
for*



*Mr. Russell Rembert, Sr.*

*Sunrise*

November 18, 1936

*Sunset*

September 8, 2013

**Service**

Friday, September 20, 2013 - 2:00 p.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Bishop Mitchell Hudson, Officiating*

## Obituary

***There comes the time in everyone's life when they must bow to the will of God and leave behind the ones they love.....***

The life journey of **RUSSELL REMBERT, SR.** began on November 18, 1936 in Rembert, SC. He was the oldest son and child of EUGENE and ALBERTHA RICHARDSON REMBERT. In 1940, he and his parents relocated to Florence, SC. He was educated in the Florence Public Schools (HOLMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WILSON JR. HIGH & WILSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS) of Florence, SC where he excelled in playing basketball at all THREE Schools, graduating from WILSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL in 1954.

RUSSELL left Florence, SC in 1954 for Orangeburg, SC, where he attended SC STATE COLLEGE for two years, then joined the US ARMY where he served for several years and fought in the KOREAN WAR. Relocating to New York City after serving his country, he met and married the late EUNICE WARD and to this union, four children were born. Russell was employed by the U.S. POSTAL SERVICE for thirty-seven years. After retiring, he started attending the LT. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY COMMUNITY CENTER where he enjoyed playing cards and looked forward to going there everyday, also watching BASKETBALL GAMES on television.

A ROSE – a perfect symbol of LOVE and BEAUTY & yet there has never been a ROSE so bright or sweet that it continues to bloom & not leave the garden. This family's beautiful ROSE, RUSSELL, left the garden peacefully!

We pause today to pay TRIBUTE to the LIFE and CELEBRATE the HOMEGOING of RUSSELL. He was a devoted SON, FATHER, BROTHER, UNCLE, BROTHER-IN-LAW, GRANDFATHER, FRIEND and NEIGHBOR. Although his presence will be greatly missed by FAMILY and FRIENDS alike, he will continue to live in the HEARTS and MEMORIES of ALL those he touched while he journeyed here on earth.

RUSSELL was preceded in death by his EX-WIFE, FATHER, two BROTHERS, and one SON.

RUSSELL is survived by: a loving MOTHER, Albertha Rembert of Florence, SC; two SONS, Russell Rembert, Jr. and Robert Rembert of Brooklyn, NY; one DAUGHTER, Viola Rembert of Milwaukee, WI; two SISTERS, Louise Rembert Rice and Pansy Rembert Nettles of Brooklyn, NY; three NEPHEWS, Edward Hicks, Jr. of Florence, SC; Darren Rembert of Jacksonville, FL & Wayne Rembert of Phoenix, AL; two NIECES, Pamela Nettles of Bowie, MD and Vernae Clarke of Florence, SC; one SISTER-IN-LAW, Carlotta Rembert of Brooklyn, NY; three GRANDCHILDREN, Robert Rembert, Jr., Elias Rembert and Aja Rembert of New York City; SPECIAL FRIEND, Loretta Johnson; and a host of other RELATIVES and FRIENDS.

Do not mourn for him because his LIFE was full the seventy-seven years he lived. He enjoyed the laughter of friends, the joy of seeing his family grow, the experience of loving and being loved and the experience of being with his associates at the LT. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY COMMUNITY CENTER. But most of all, he received the most special gift of all -- THE GIFT OF LIFE!!

*Order of Service*

**Bishop Mitchell Hudson, Presiding**  
**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH - Queens, NY**

PROCESSIONAL

PRESENTATION OF FLAG - US ARMY HONOR GUARD

HYMN of PRAISE

READING of SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT (*Psalm 23*) - *Claude Williams*

NEW TESTAMENT (*1 Corinthians 15: 51-58*) - *Viola Rembert*

*REMARKS - Harold Gollop,*

*LT. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY COMMUNITY CENTER*

PRAYER of COMFORT - *Bishop Mitchell Hudson*

SOLO-“*AMAZING GRACE*” – *Sarah Wilson*

REMARKS – FAMILY & FRIENDS (*2 minutes each person*)

READING OF OBITUARY - *Loretta Johnson*

EULOGY - *Bishop M. Hudson*

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

**Final Disposition**

Woodlawn Crematory  
Bronx, New York

**REPAST immediately following service:**

**LT. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**34 West 134th Street (between Lenox & Fifth Avenue)**  
**New York, NY 10037**



# Psalm 23

***The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,  
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth  
my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for  
thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort  
me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell  
in the house of the Lord forever.***

***God saw the road was getting rough,  
the hills were hard to climb;  
He gently closed RUSSELL's loving eyes,  
and whispered, "PEACE BE THINE."  
His weary hours, days of pain,  
& weary nights are passed;  
His ever-patient, worn-out frame  
has found sweet rest at last.***

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **RUSSELL REMBERT, SR.** wish to express their gratitude for all of the expressions of loving kindness and comfort shown during his time here on earth and during those moments of bereavement.

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