

# In Loving Memory of Alexander (Jack) Battle

Sunrise  
July 6, 1936

Sunset  
October 9, 2013



## *Service*

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

**HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME**

984 Prospect Ave.

Bronx, New York

*Pastor Charles Lewis, Officiating*

*Professor Tyrone Patrick, Organist*

# *Order of Service*

**Musical Prelude**

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Opening Hymn**

**Scripture Reading**

Old Testament

New Testament

**Selection**

The Battle Sisters

**Acknowledgment and Remarks**

**Selection**

**Obituary**

**Eulogy**

**Selection**

**Recessional**

**Interment**

Garden of Gethsemane Cemetery

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

## *Reflections of Life*

**Alexander (Jack) Battle** was born on July 6, 1936 to the late Lonnie and Lucy Battle, in Nash County, North Carolina. Jack currently has three sisters, Margaret McClean, Ruby Fields, and Bernice Lewis of the Bronx, and one brother, Roscoe Battle of Georgia. He is predeceased by two other sisters, Ida Ruth(Sook) Battle, Lucy Pearl Battle, and two brothers, Ollie (Big Man) Battle, Herman Battle, and three adopted siblings, John (Baby) Calvin Edwards. Rev. McKinley Washington and Evangelist Sarah Powell.

Jack migrated from North Carolina in his twenties and resided in the Bronx, NY until God called him home on October 9, 2013. He worked as a professional painter for Ackney Steel Co., and National Elevators, Co., retiring in 2003 after many years of service to his position.

Prior to his residence in New York, Jack was married to the late Mary E. Battle. That union produced five children, Michael, Ricky, Larry, Ronald and Calvin. After their marriage dissolved, Jack met and married the late Eleanor Battle. Together, they reared his two step sons Calvin and Mitchell. They also adopted three girls, Shadaisa, Carrisma, and Enisha.

After the passing of Eleanor, he met and companioned Florence Smith, who assisted him in providing for his adopted daughters. They remained together until his passing. Jack leaves to mourn his sons, step-children, adopted children, and his grandchildren, Jacques, Cierra, Amari, Kendra, Sean, and Mackinzley, his sisters, brother, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

To know Jack was to love him. He always had a joke, a smile, and laughter for anyone willing to converse with him. He had a zest for life, and lived it to the fullest. He was a known fixture on Southern Boulevard at the park, where he and his friends spent their retirement communing together. He enjoyed driving, and took many trips to his home town in Rocky Mount, NC, and occasionally, visited with his brother Roscoe in Georgia. He loved Southern Cuisine, and having fun.

# 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 wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.*

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