

In Loving Memory of



Jay Alphonso Stevens

Sunrise
December 3, 1948

Sunset
April 16, 2014

Service

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Elder Jerry Smalls, Officiating

Obituary

Jay Alphonso Stevens, son of David and Irene Stevens, was born on December 3, 1948 in Harlem, New York and departed this life on April 16, 2014. He attended DeWitt Clinton High School and upon graduation was drafted into the United States Marines and served in the Vietnam War. Upon completion of his military career he was honorably discharged. He held many jobs throughout his life but should be most remembered for his 40 plus years of service to Con Edison.

Jay was hardworking and responsible. He can be remembered for sitting at the table every Saturday morning to write out his bills. He definitely spent his money “wisely”... if you know what I mean (LOL).

Jay was a man with a great spirit! His hearty laugh was infectious and he loved to tell corny jokes. Jay loved his children, and would not hesitate to dote on their accomplishments. He also loved to awaken them with his “6:00 a.m calls” which they will greatly miss. Jay “Papa” as he affectionately known to his grandchildren would always encourage reading and higher education. He never missed his children’s graduation. He loved current events and would often make conversation by talking about the latest new stories.

Throughout his life he taught countless people to drive. However, upon teaching his youngest son Brenton, he thought it was best for him to seek lessons from the real professionals. He enjoyed working with cars and would always advise an oil change every 3000 miles.

Jay also enjoyed several activities including fishing with his buddies. However he can be most remembered for his love for skating, he even had his own pair of skates. He would go skating often and tag along his sister-in-law, Jiquetta.

In retirement, Jay and his wife Wilma enjoyed theater, concerts, fine dining and ice skating. Speaking of fine dining, he could make a mean pan of ribs! He has probably already whipped up his first heavenly batch. He also enjoyed going to church and would affectionately end each phone conversation with “God Bless”.

Jay made the best life out of what he was given. He loved, he laughed, and he lived! He now resides in his heavenly home. Cheers to a blessed life! Remember, he doesn't have a telephone, but call on God and he will answer.

Jay is survived by: his wife, Wilma D. Stevens; four children, Jay Stevens, Jr., Shilonda Stevens- Rosby, Tabitha Lee, and Brenton Stevens; son-in-law, Leonard Lee, Jr.; three step children, Ronald Akiem, Kia Antaress, and Gregory Aaron; nine grandchildren, Jay Stevens III, Tairon Tucker, Sparkle Stevens, Jaivon Tucker, Jaquay Stevens, Joshua Rosby, Jalen Hargrove, Madyson Hargrove, and Skyy Lee; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Thomas Stevens. He is also survived by one aunt, Susie Chesson; one uncle, Grandford Collins; and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Order of Service

Officiant, Elder Jerry Smalls

Prayer.....*Brenda Sterling*

Opening Hymn..... *“It Is Well with My Soul”*

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: *Sparkle Stevens*, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament: *Jalen Hargrove*, Romans 8:28

Selection..... *Leonard Lee, Jr.*

Obituary Reading..... Brandon McGraw

Reading of Well Wishes..... Jaivon Tucker

Remarks

Eulogy*Elder Jerry Smalls*

Military Salute

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

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 path 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.

Acknowledgement

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

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