

In Loving
Memory
of



Michael M. Lawrence

Sunrise
March 7, 1961

Sunset
July 1, 2015

Service

Friday, July 10, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Edward R. Culvert, Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Michael Montenie “Money Mike” Lawrence, son of Barbara A. Lawrence and the late William C. Fennell was born on March 7, 1961 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

In the final hours God’s Mercy prevailed bringing to a quick end his mortal life at Lincoln Hospital in Bronx, New York on Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

He was educated in the New York City school system. Michael recently started working on his new job at The Evergreens in Brooklyn, New York. He was a very hard and devoted worker.

He’s preceded in death by his grandparents, Willie and Mary Lawrence and his aunt, Jean Eley.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his beloved mother, Barbara Lawrence; three daughters, Andrea Butler of Binghamton, New York, Maryann and Mariah Lawrence of the Bronx, New York; three grandchildren, Denaysha Butler, Devontae Butler and Malik Patterson of Binghamton, New York; one beloved great aunt, Lizzie Hedgepeth of Rocky Mount, North Carolina; one beloved uncle, Willie “Batman” Lawrence of Teaneck, New Jersey; four beloved aunts, Doris Barnes, Mary Lawrence, Grace Godwin of Bronx, New York and Gail Lawrence of Teaneck, New Jersey; god son, Kyle Lawrence; adopted son and daughter, Lee and Kim; nephews, nieces, cousins, Maryann and T.Y, his “Road Partner”; special friend, Nicole Nivina; barber, Oscar; dear friend, Jose; and a host of relatives and friends.

Michael will be surely missed for giving kind words of encouragement. Just letting you know “I got your back”. He was the glue that kept 153rd to 157th Street together, Money Mike “aka” Uncle Mike will be missed by all.

We love you.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Interment

Mt. Holiness Cemetery

Butler, New Jersey

To Those I Love

To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."

-Author unknown

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now;
He set me free.

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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