

Celebrating the Life of Granger W. Searvance Sr.

Sunrise: April 12, 1930 – Sunset: January 2, 2016



Funeral Mass

Saturday, January 9, 2016 - 11:00 am

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

768 Ocean Avenue • Jersey City, New Jersey 07304

Father James McConnell, Officiating

Order of Mass

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| Prelude..... | “Shine on Me” / “Precious Lord” |
| Reception of the Body | |
| Entrance..... | “Soon and Very Soon” |
| Introduction to the Celebration (Welcoming Pray)..... | Reverend |
| Penitential Rite | Confiteor - “Lord Have Mercy” |
| Opening Prayer..... | Reverend |
| First Reading | Old Testament Reading (Job 19:1, 23-27) |
| Responsorial | Psalm 27 |
| 2nd Reading | New Testament Reading (Romans 6:3-9) |
| Acclamation and Verse | Alleluia |
| Holy Gospel | John 11:17-27 |
| Choral Reflection..... | “I Know My Redeemer Lives” |
| Homily..... | Celebrant |
| Intercession Prayer | Prayer of the People |
| Presentation of the Gifts..... | Gifts taken up by the Family |
| Communion Song..... | “Taste and See” |
| Meditation..... | “When He Gets To Heaven” |
| Remarks..... | Brief Remarks by Family Member |
| Final Commendation | |
| Final Farewell | |
| Music Recession..... | “Going Up Yonder” |

Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Repast

Friends are respectfully invited to join the family for a repast in the Dining Hall of the church immediately following the service.

Obituary

Granger W. Searvance Sr., was born on April 12, 1930 to Vera (Davis) and Aby Servance Sr. in Winston Salem, NC and relocated to Jersey City at the age of 3 months. He departed this life on January 2, 2016 in the quietness of his home. Granger was the oldest of six children. He grew up in the downtown area of Jersey City and Booker T. Washington Housing Development. Granger was educated in the Jersey City school system, attending Public School #3 and graduating from Lincoln High School. He earned an Associates Degree in Accounting.

Granger began his Christian life at an early age and became a devoted member of the Christ the King Catholic Church in Jersey City. He was a member attending faithfully until his recent illness. He continued to receive Holy Communion at home.

While in high school Granger was a gymnast. He was a member of the Jersey City Department of Recreation Gymnastic team, which won the Metropolitan Junior AAU championship. His team performed at West Point and Madison Square Garden. In 1963 Granger made a bid for the U.S. Olympic team.

After high school he enlisted in the United State Army where he served 4 years 3 months. He was injured by a rocket attack while in Korea and returned to the States where he received a warm hero's welcome. Granger was awarded the Purple Heart. He continued to serve in the States until receiving an honorary discharge. In 2000 Granger was recognized as a recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, New Jersey's highest military commendation for courage and patriotism from the New Jersey House of Representatives.

In 1952, he married Betty Jean Solomon, and from this union came five children Kenneth, Lynn, Granger Jr., Gregory and Rozlyn. Later he remarried Lorraine (Brown-Stephens) and was the step-father to Robert, Michael, and William.

Granger worked at Emerson Electronics, Gray-Stone, ASPCA, and the United States Postal Service as a mail carrier until his retirement. He taught gymnastics at Y.M.C.A, Lincoln High School and St. Peter's Preparatory School.

Granger was an avid bowler and a member of numerous bowling leagues. He was a fine visual artist and an excellent dancer. Granger was a skilled barber and routinely cut his children's hair as well as the neighborhood kids.

Granger had many nicknames, "Brother" from his older relatives; "Killer" for his bowling prowess; "D.A" (District Attorney) was given to him by his children because of his strict discipline.

Granger was preceded in death by his children Lynn and Granger Jr., brothers Aby Jr., Raymond, Frederick (Freddy), sister Barbara Jean, parents Vera and Aby Sr. Granger is survived by his spouse Lorraine, his children Kenneth, Gregory, Dr. Rozlyn Searvance and step-children Robert, Michael, William and brother Theodore (Teddy); 4 sisters-in-law, 4 brothers-in-law, and 1 daughter-in-law; 17 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. He also leaves behind his beloved cat and companion Simba who would spend many hours at his bedside.

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By Harry Scott-Holland

*Nothing has happened.
Everything remains exactly as it was.
I am I, and you are you,
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was.
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!*

In lieu of sending flowers, family will accept plants. Donations can be made to the Veterans Administration in Granger's name.

Acknowledgement

The Family of Granger W. Searvance Sr. acknowledge with deep gratitude, all acts of kindness extended to them during this time of bereavement.

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