



In Loving Memory of

Leonard Merritt, Sr.

"Wild Bill"

June, 4, 1942 - February 12, 2016



Obituary

Leonard Merritt, Sr., 73, of Harlem, New York was called home on Friday, February 12th, 2016 at 7:55 p.m., in New York, NY. Leonard was born to Lucille Brown and Clifford Merritt of Harlem, NY. The Merritts resided at 141 W.127th Street for many of years; until Leonard met his future wife, Helen Dawson-Merritt and moved to the Bronx in 1970.

Leonard attended P.S. 167 in Brooklyn, NY, and also attended High School in Brooklyn, NY as well. After graduating from High School, Leonard worked many jobs to provide for his mother and siblings. Leonard was a hard worker who cared about and loved his family, and made sure they didn't go without their daily wants and needs. Leonard's last known employer was Pepsi Cola Bottling Company where he worked for many of years. He retired in 2005.

In 1961, inside a community center in Harlem, NY, Leonard laid eyes on Helen Dawson for the very first time. From that very moment, Leonard knew Helen would be his wife. After a few years of dating, they wed and their marriage spanned over forty-seven years. Overall Leonard and Helen knew and loved one another over fifty-seven years.

Leonard Merritt was a kind and gentle man with an amazing sense of humor. Leonard's sense of humor left others in stitches while cooking up amazing meals for their soul. Leonard was a provider and a father, not only to his four children, but he was a father to many. Leonard loved his family and his door remained open to all who needed shelter and guidance. Leonard was an amazing husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend who would help anyone without a second thought.

Leonard loved his western movies, the New York Knicks and Giants, and he loved to take care of his beautiful wife, Helen. Leonard will be truly missed for his strong will, amazing sense of humor, and his stoic presence.

Leonard is survived by: his beloved wife, Helen; his three sons, Leonard Jr., Tony, and Timothy; his daughter, Shanique; his seven grandchildren, Tony, Shanquavia, Xavier, Omari, Kennadi, Myla, and Christian; his sister-in-law, Helene Dawson and brother-in-law, Soloman Dawson; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Viewing: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Service: Saturday, February 20, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

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Rev. Sheila Jenkins, Officiating
David Jenkins, Sr., Organist
Victoria Ellis, Soloist

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Cremation

Ferncliff Crematory

We Will Rejoice

Today is not the day for sorrow
For today is a day to rejoice
For a great man made it home safely to be with our Holy Father

Today is not the day for regrets
For today is a beautiful day to praise this great man name
and remember a KING was born

Today is not the day to cry
For today this great man received his wings and is laying comfortably in God's hands.
No more sickness, no more struggles, and no more pain!

For this great man walked through the pearly gates of heaven to be with the Lord
and other family members who took this walk before him

So I will rejoice; because God loved me that much to choose me
to be created by this great man

So I will rejoice; because this great man was an amazing man, husband,
father, and friend to all those who were blessed to be in his presence

So I will rejoice; because I will forever be daddy's little girl!
The memories we created will get me through these trying times

So I will rejoice; because you left a legacy behind to carry on your name,
and your name will live on FOREVER!

So I will rejoice; because you raised the 3 princes and 1 princess
that will cherish and protect your Queen Helen.

For today I WILL REJOICE !
For today I WILL REJOICE !
For today I WILL REJOICE !
For today WE WILL ALL REJOICE!

SLEEP IN PEACE DADDY

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was
shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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