

Mass of Christian Burial For



Jefferson David Swift

“JD” ~ “Jeff”

Sunrise: March 7, 1941

Sunset: March 28, 2016

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved his appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Obituary

"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1

On March 7, 1941, Victoria and Sam Swift, Jr. became the blessed and proud parents of a baby boy who they named **Jefferson David**.

He was the fifth of twelve siblings and the first son to survive birth. He received his former education from Rosenwald Elementary and High School. He was a graduate of the class of 1961. He was an avid athletic and lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He also loved fishing, hunting and weight lifting.

He was reared in the Baptist Faith and converted to Catholicism. JD was a member of the Holy Name of Jesus Roman Catholic Church, where he served until March 28, 2016 when an angel touched his hand and he humbly submitted to the will of God.

He retired with forty-three years of service from the 53rd Street YWCA. He was a loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Friend. He touched so many lives with his great smile that even without words it spoke.

JD's memories are cherished and remembered by: his wife of fifty-three years who was his childhood sweet heart, Mary Gloria Terrance-Swift; one son, Michael of NYC; one daughter, Darlene Marie Swift-Jones; and son-in-law, James Jones of Alabama; brothers and sisters, Irene Morrisette of Bronx, NY, Sam Swift, III (Madeline) of Baton Rouge, LA, Gary Swift (Donna) of Bronx, NY, Vernon Swift (Carol) of New Roads, LA, Mary Arleen Porter (Kenneth) of Wilmington, NC, and Diane Marie Swift of Florida; grandchildren, Samatha, Britney, Robert, Kenneth, Michael, Jr. and Christopher; great grandchildren, Iyanna, Lyric, Sincere, Sky and Blake; along with a host of nieces, nephews, god children and numerous other relatives.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Victoria Swift, Jr., his infant son, Tyrone Joseph Swift, sisters, Viola Figaro and Iola Olinde and two infant brothers, Darrell and Leroy Swift.

Service

Monday, April 11, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

English Mass - 12:00 Noon

Unity Funeral Chapels, Inc.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY

Father Larry Ford, Officiating

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Organist

Funeral Mass

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory • Bronx, New York

Repat:

Community Center at

14 West 102nd Street • New York, NY

Asleep

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday.
I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.
But life for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone.
You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ... You always told me, "get some rest,"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.
So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.
You'll soon realize this was meant to be, I thank God because He came for me.*

-Author unknown

Active Pallbearers

Michael Swift	Dennis Olinde
Michael Swift, Jr.	Christopher Swift
Thomas Felton	Derrick Swift

Honorary Pallbearers

Sam Swift, III	Alton Swift
Pastor Gary Swift, Sr.	Israel Swift
Vernon Swift	Lawrence White
Gary Swift, Jr.	Johanses Garcia

Acknowledgement

The family of **Jefferson David Swift** wishes to express sincere gratitude to our many friends and neighbors for your prayers, good wishes, and many acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. May God keep you in His Grace and may His eternal light forever shine upon you.

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