



*Celebrating The Life of*

*Leonard Caines*

*Sunrise: December 29, 1947*

*Sunset: April 22, 2016*

**Service**

*Tuesday, April 26, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

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# Obituary

**Leonard Caines, Jr.** was born to Antoinette Caines and Leonard Caines, Sr. on December 29, 1947. He was the sixth youngest of eight children. "Chippy" as his family and friends called him was a devoted father, brother, uncle and friend to all that knew him. He was born in St. Croix, Virgin Islands and migrated to New York with his family and siblings.

Chippy graduated from Frederick Douglass Intermediate School and Samuel L. Gompers High School. He joined the Army and received an honorable discharge. Chippy was a fighter and one that you could always count on for encouragement and advice.

He married Shirley Topps and from this union their beautiful daughter, Jianna Aleatha Caines was born. His passion in life became his family. He devoted his time and effort to making sure his family enjoyed the best that life had to offer. He was active in all of his children's lives. He made sure his daughter became a black belt in martial arts. He adopted two other children, Lenny and Shanique. He made sure that they also had the very best that life had to offer. He worked to make sure his son, Lenny graduated from high school successfully and his younger daughter was very well cared for.

He carried the torch to keep our family united and shining bright. One of his greatest pleasures was to make sure that each year our family reunion was a God blessed affair and a big turnout. He challenged all of us to keep our family strong and united. Chippy was much more than a devoted father, he was a caring uncle, a loving brother, and a great friend. He had a great sense of music, and one of his greatest sayings was, "You can't change the past, so live fully for the day".

On April 22, 2016, Chippy was called home to the Lord. We look at this as a blessing from God. This is a true celebration of life. He is at home and at peace with our God and our ancestors. His mother, Antoinette, his father, Leonard, Sr., his brothers, Clem and Harold and his sister, Mary preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn and celebrate his life: his daughters, Jianna and Shanique; his son, Lenny; his sisters, Linda, Gwendolyn, Agnes and Dorothy; his youngest brother, Louis; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and friends.

*Dad, you will be truly missed!*

Lovingly Submitted, The Family

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

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*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Final Disposition*

*Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York*



## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
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 or 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 up 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 heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## *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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