

*Celebrating The Life of*  
*Herbert V. Ferguson, Jr.*

*Sunrise*  
*January 16, 1948*

*Sunset*  
*July 22, 2016*



*Service*

*Thursday, July 28, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.*

**HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME**

984 Prospect Ave • Bronx, NY 10459  
*Rev. Dr. James Morrison, Officiating*  
*Prof. Tyronne Patrick, Organist*

# *Order of Service*

*Organ Prelude*

*Processional.....Family*

*Invocation*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament: Psalm 23*

*New Testament: II Corinthians 5:1-8*

*Reflections of Life.....Robert Ferguson*

*Remarks/Acknowledgement.....Friends and Family  
(2 minutes please)*

*Selection.....“Amazing Grace”*

*Eulogy.....Reverend James Morrison*

*A Letter to My Brother.....Linda Whittle-Myricks*

*Benediction*

*Recessional*

*Final Disposition*

*Woodlawn Crematory*

*Bronx, New York*

## *Reflections of Life*

*Mr. Herbert Vincent Ferguson, Jr. was born January 16, 1948 to the late Herbert Vincent Ferguson, Sr. and Elaine Sewer Ferguson at Syndham Hospital in Manhattan.*

*“Jimmy” as he was known to his family, grew up in The Bronx in Bronx River Projects. He attended P.S. 77 and continued his education through to Food and Maritime High School where he wanted to be a Chef. While in school, Jimmy excelled in sports playing basketball, softball and Johnny on the Pony hoping that Heavy Swank and Big Major was on his side. Jimmy became a semi-pro baseball player but after winning the finals of the golden gloves he became a professional boxer where he created the infamous name “Gus”.*

*In 1968, Jimmy joined the Army where he worked as an Airborne Special Forces Ranger. In 1971, Jimmy returned home after serving his country with an Honorable Discharge.*

*Jimmy worked for the Parks Department and several other jobs including his many years with the church where he provided food to the community. On June 2, 1977, Jimmy married Hazel Simmons and through this union Jimmy helped raise her three children.*

*Jimmy leaves to mourn: his wife, Hazel and children, Reggie, Denise and Alfreda; four granddaughters, three grandsons one great grandson. His brother, Robert Ferguson; one niece, Iesha; two great nieces, Aniesha and Anahjae; one great nephew, Zaire; a special uncle, Fred Sewer; a host of special cousins, Linda, Rupert, Grizelle, Sherry, Derek, Kia, Eric, Steven Jr., Bruce and Dottie, Pat, Joyce and Melvin; a special family friend, Rosyln; and a host of other relatives and a large host of friends.*

***Jimmy we love you and you will truly be missed.***

## *A Letter to My Brother*

*To my dearest brother, there are some things I'd like to say, but first of all, I need to let you know, that I arrived okay.*

*I'm writing this from heaven where I dwell with God above. There's no more tears of sadness; here there is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through. God picked me up and hugged me and said, "I welcome you."*

*You know He gave me a list of things that He wished for me to do, but first and foremost on the list was to watch and care for you.*

*When you lie in bed at night the day's chores put to flight. God and I are closest to you in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years, please do not be afraid to cry because they are bound to bring you tears.*

*I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned and more. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is over. I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before.*

*There are many rocky roads and many hills to climb; but together we can do this by taking it one day at a time. You see that was always your philosophy so I think I will use it now, that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you one day at a time.*

*So if you meet somebody who is feeling sad and low; just lend a hand to pick them up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street and you've got me on your mind always remember I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.*

*When it's time for you to go from that body to be free. Remember you're not going, you're coming home to me.*

*Your brother,  
Jimmy*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The Sewer-Ferguson family wishes to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God bless and keep you always.*

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