In Loving Memory of



Reuben Berry

June 14, 1923 - February 15, 2017

Service

Friday, March 3, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Reuben Kenneth Berry was 93 years old. He was born on June 14, 1923 with his twin brother, Rufus who died at birth in Osage, West Virginia to the late George and Mattie Calhoun Berry.

He attended schools in Longacre and Montgomery, West Virginia. He went to the U.S. Army in 1944 during World War II and was discharged on November 4, 1946. He met Catherine Brunson during that time while working at an ammunition factory in Havre de Grace, Maryland and had his first daughter, Stephanie Jennings.

He moved to New York City and there he met Eloise Berry, after dating her for six months they were married. He married Eloise on July 7, 1950 and had three children, Reuben Berry, Jr., Patricia Berry and Gary Berry. They were married for 59 years before she passed away.

He worked as a chef in various supper clubs and retired as a security guard from The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. He was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness on February 10, 1979 and joined the Terrace Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses which has now merged to the Amsterdam Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, where he remained a faithful member. He always made sure to have a Bible study with almost anyone who came into his home.

Mr. Berry was very enthusiastic with a warm personality and a generous heart. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, loved listening to jazz; classical music, and was always willing to help others. He was a great husband, wonderful father, kind and caring person. He was an excellent tailor and artist, his art work was purchased and hung up in stores. He loved to play cards with his wife and grandchildren. He taught them how to play and looked forward to playing with them and their friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Eloise Berry, son, Reuben Berry, Jr., daughter, Patricia Berry, sisters, Ella Louise Stradwick and Thelma Griffin.

He leaves behind to cherish his precious memory: daughter, Stephanie Jennings of Pennsylvania; son, Gary Berry of New York; daughter-in-law, Deborah Berry of New York; sisters, Frances Franklin and Lillian Martin of Florida; brother, George Berry Haamid of Michigan; grandchildren, Darlene, George, Jr., Shareese, Dejuan, Junana (Carlton Wilson), Shakeya, Paul and Reuben III; greatgrandchildren, Tahtebah, Daina, Jamia, Jahlia, Jayden, Jahvon, Payton, Niyah, Giovanna and Kenna; along with nieces, nephews, cousins, and a loving extended family and friends.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Obituary

Funeral Discourse

Song

Closing Prayer

Final View

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York "Our Father in the heavens, let your name be sanctified. Let your Kingdom come. Let your will take place, as in heaven, also on earth."

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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