

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Raphael Blake**



***Sunrise: September 6, 1944***

***Sunset: April 18, 2017***

**Service**

***Saturday, April 29, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.***

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY

*Rev. E. Tyrone Pittman, Officiating*

*David Mcrae, Organist*

## Obituary

*Raphael Blake, affectionately called "Raph", "Blakey" or simply "Blake" was born on September 6, 1944 to Beatrice Virginia Blake and Devalda Blake in the cool District of Whitehill, St. Elizabeth in Jamaica. He was the fifth of six boys for Beatrice and Devalda.*

*As a child, Raphael attended the Brompton Primary School where he mastered core subjects such as mathematics and English Language. In 1960 as he became a young, vibrant man, eager to learn, he made the decision, with his mother's support, to attend The Cobbler's Institute of Vocational Training, in Manchester, Jamaica. It was there that he developed the love for and his skills in carpentry.*

*Raphael migrated to Kingston, where he lived and worked for over 40 years. His early years in Kingston saw him living in Chisholm Avenue where he met many of his lifelong friends. He subsequently moved to Seaview Gardens where he bought his house. He was loved dearly by the members of that community. As an honest, hardworking man, full of integrity, he lived life wholeheartedly, vigorously and true true to himself.*

*In 2010, he migrated to United States of America where he lived with his son Osbourne and daughter-in-law Onica. While living here, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer.*

*Raphael spent the final two months of his life at the Schulman and Schachne Institute where he passed on April 18, 2017.*

*Raphael is survived by his four children, Dave, Osbourne, Osmond and Safiya. his eight grandchildren, his brothers, Bethune and Leon, his sisters Ena and Lornette other relatives as well as lifelong friends who still hold him dear to their heart.*

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection: Hymn (Amazing Grace)

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 116: Onica Blake (Daughter-in-law)

Psalm 27: Samantha Blake and Sanaa Paul (Granddaughters)

Prayer

Selection: Bianca (Cousin)

Acknowledgements

Remarks: Open

Obituary

Selection: Hymn (Nearer My God to Thee)

Eulogy: Safiya Blake (Daughter)

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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