

*In Loving Memory of*



*Michael Eley*

*Sunrise: June 26, 1956*

*Sunset: October 30, 2017*

Service

*Thursday, November 9, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

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*Rev. Dr. J. G. McCann, Sr., Officiating*

*Bobby Arrington, Organist*

# *Obituary*

**Michael Purnell Eley** was born on June 26, 1956 to Vernon Eley and Alberta Saunders-Eley in Englewood, New Jersey.

He came to New York at a young age and attended the New York City Public School system. After leaving the NYC Public School system, he worked as a laborer holding down various jobs including security and factory machinist.

Mike met Gertrude Rice in the early 1980s. In May 1989, they gave birth to a baby girl, Angel, whom they raised in Harlem, New York.

Mike lived a full life enjoying his youth, riding motorcycles and working as a laborer. Whether it was spending time with his family or friends, you could always depend on Mike to lighten the mood and start the party.

He was called home suddenly on October 30th, and was welcomed by his late wife, Gertrude Rice, and parents.

Michael is survived by: his daughter, Angel; brother, Bobby; and a host of extended family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Remarks*

*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Pinelawn Memorial Park  
Farmingdale, New York*

# *If Tears Could Build A Stairway*

*If tears could build a stairway  
And memories were a lane.  
We would walk right up to heaven  
And bring you back again  
No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why  
Our hearts still ache in sadness  
And secret tears still flow  
What it meant to love you  
No one can ever know  
But now we know you want us  
To mourn for you no more  
To remember all the happy times  
Life still has much in store  
Since you'll never be forgotten  
We pledge to you today  
A hallowed place within our hearts  
Is where you'll always stay.*

*-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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