

Celebration of Life for
Robbie Lee Duncan, Jr.
"Bubba"



"Robbie is Better Today"

Sunrise: December 5, 1953

Sunset: January 16, 2018

Service

Monday, January 29, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11233

Officiating: Dr. Tawana Rowser-Brown, Pastor

Minister of Music: Bishop Kevin McKoy

Organist: Aaron Stokes

Obituary

Robbie Lee Duncan, Jr. affectionately known as "**Bubba**", was born to the late Robbie Lee Duncan, Sr. and Clarabell Stafford-Duncan on December 5, 1953 in Georgetown, South Carolina, Sampit County. He was the second of five children from that union. He attended Thomas Jefferson High School in East New York, Brooklyn. He attended and graduated from Empire State College with an Associate's Degree in Electrical Theory.

He was a military man, a tough as nails United States Marine who knew the meaning of "Semper Fi" and served his country with dignity until he received his Honorable Discharge. Upon returning home from service, he was hired into the Local 3 - IBEW as an Electrician's Apprentice, and because of his love for his job, Robbie worked extra hard and was soon graded as a "Journeyman" training others. This became his life as he provided for his family until he retired. Also, after February 26, 1993, and the first bombing of the World Trade Center, Robbie became a First Responder and was exposed to some dangerous assignments that he never refused.

Robbie, "Bubba" met his future wife at the age of fourteen, and began to make that crystal clear around the neighborhood until he married her. From that union they created two beautiful children, Rhamel and Maya.

Robbie was the Spades and Bid Whist King growing up on Dumont Avenue and never missed a chance to sit down and prove his playing skills. He gave "No Mercy" on any new or unskilled players and would be heard saying, "If you can't take the heat, stay out the seat". He was a most giving guy and would help others who needed help, without ever speaking it out loud.

Robbie was a hard working, hands-on guy who was a skilled mechanic with cars, and a skilled electrician who could wire an entire house with his eyes closed. He believed in family and doing things together. He loved fishing trips with his pals, Luther, Larry, James and Pop. They would leave early with empty coolers and always returned with coolers full of fish and tall tales of who caught the most or the biggest fish. He was a lover of music, but Old-School music and enjoyed listening to The Spinners, The Dells, The Four Tops, The Temptations and Curtis Mayfield just to name a few. Even during his illness it gave him comfort and his children would play his favorite tunes for him until he fell asleep.

Robbie, "Bubba" fought his hardest battle surrounded by the love of his family, but as tough as he was, he departed from this life on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. He leaves to cherish his life and memories: his wife, Cynthia (Dee); his children, Rhamel and Maya; two grandchildren, Nasya and Matthew; his siblings, Delores (Buddy), Sarah, Julius, Sr. and Teddy; his father-in-law, Henry, Sr. (Pop); many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; many nieces and his niece, Vanessa who he helped raise as his own; nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins; neighbor and friend, Joe; and a host of other family and friends who loved him dearly.

The Order of Celebration

(Please silence your cell phones)

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Invocation and Prayer of Comfort.....Dr. Sandra Tyce, Chaplain

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 91

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Song of Comfort.....Ms. Gwendolyn Nealy

Special Words of Remembrance

Remarks (Two Minutes Please).....Family and Friends

Acknowledgement of Cards.....Mrs. Denise Williams

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Eulogy.....Dr. Tawana Rowser-Brown, Pastor

Closing Prayer

Final Viewing/Benediction/Committal

Interment

*Calverton National Park Cemetery
Calverton, New York*

*Family will meet upon returning from burial at
4023 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, New York 11203*

To My Children, "I'll Always Be Close By"

Now that I have left, please try to go on and don't shed tears, be happy for me and think of all the wonderful times we've shared over the years. Remember the times that brought happiness in our hearts, don't think of my life as ending because this is where it really starts. When you ever want to remember me just look up in the sky. I'll be the brightest star shining. I'll always be close by. Love, Dad!

Submitted by Cynthia Duncan

Note of Thanks

The family of the late **Robbie Lee Duncan, Jr.** would like to thank everyone for their kind expression of sympathy, prayers and all acts of kindness extended to them during their time of bereavement. All tributes will be acknowledged by the family at a later date.

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