



*Celebrating the Life of*

*Manuel Clemente*

**SUNRISE: September 25, 1955**

**SUNSET: March 5, 2022**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022 - 5pm**

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

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# Obituary

**Manuel “Manzo” Clemente, Sr.**, of Harlem, passed away on March 5, 2022, in Mt. Sinai’s Hospice Care with his family by his side. God welcomed him home just two weeks after being diagnosed with Stage Four Pancreatic Cancer. He was 66 years old.

Manzo was born on September 25, 1955 and raised in Foster Projects by his parents, Bonifacio and Dorothy Clemente with Manzo’s brother, Henry, and sister, Helena. He graduated from Julia Richmond High School before working as a personal cab driver for local businessmen, such as Nicky Bonds and other Harlem legends.

After having his first child, Emmanuel Clemente, with Inez Burrows in 1977; Manzo would have five beautiful children with his high school sweetheart and wife at the time, Lauren Clemente-Myers. The twenty-one-year union would produce Manny Jr., Antonio, Tito, Indie, and Dario.

A devoted father, friend, and entrepreneur— Manzo owned many businesses throughout his life, such as a grocery store, a restaurant, bars, and clubs to support his family. Beyond benevolent, he loved helping others, just as much as creating culinary masterpieces, spending time with his children, and putting together new outfits... the man was sharp.

The life of any party, he loved dancing, telling jokes, and having a good time.

And in 2004, after meeting his new life-partner, Aisha Hyde, the good times kept rolling for the last eighteen years of his life. She was the love of his life. She brought him love, peace, happiness, fun, an amazing new family (the Hydés), a promising young stepson, Keyshawn Hargrave, and a lovely new daughter— Maziya Clemente.

Manzo was preceded in death by his parents, three of his siblings, Anthony, Kathy, and Helena, and his nephew, Henry “Hen-Dog” Clemente.

Manzo is survived by his fiancée, his children, grandchildren, his goddaughter/niece, Curly, countless cousins, nieces/nephews, and his siblings, Manola, Benny, Henry, Mary, Nene, and Jesus.

Manzo was different. Manzo was special. He’ll be truly missed... and loved forever.

Long live, King Manzo.

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

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**INTERMENT:**  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

# *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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