

Celebrating the Life of



Aaron Armstrong

SUNRISE: October 2, 1938

SUNSET: May 22, 2022

Friday, May 27, 2022 - 5pm

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

1406 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11233

Obituary

Aaron Armstrong aka “Pete” was born on October 2, 1938 to Cora Armstrong who was deaf and mute. Raised in Wilmington, North Carolina by his grandparents ex sharecroppers Robert and Maybelle Armstrong. As a young boy, Aaron knew he was special and wasn’t picking anything but hymns; as Robert and Maybelle made and sold moonshine allowing them to buy their home and end our families slavery and sharecopping lives.

In 1955, after completing high school at the age of 17, Aaron moved to Brooklyn with his uncle and aunt, John and Mary Youngblood whom he affectionately called Mother and Father. Three days after his 1st birthday as a Brooklyn Boy his “sister” later stepping in as her father—Rebecca Youngblood was born.

For years Pete worked as a key puncher for cascade while being the Musician at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Brooklyn. In 1965, Aaron found his 1st major church home New Gethsemane Baptist Church as a founding member and Musician. From then it was Professor Armstrong and his Girls and they SANG!, saved lives and souls, raised families and the community—all while raising Rebecca’s first born, Le’Shawn Youngblood (born in 1976).

In 1985, Pete’s world and name would change again. John Youngblood passed away in February of 1985 the same day the family’s home burned down. A little under 2 months later on April 3, 1985 Pete received a call from Kings County Hospital, “You got another one here you want him?” Without a drop of a hat Pete sent Joetta Jones to pick up Kareem Youngblood (Rebecca’s second born) as he headed to Pitkin Ave to get a crib, ect. To Kareem he was grandpa and to the hood he became Grandpa! At this point Pete was the Voice of Brooklyn! Playing over thousands of funeral services throughout NYC with Kareem sleeping on his lap.

Aaron Pete Grandpa Armstrong’s family was blood and water. Back then they knew if you just added three thickening agents God, Love and time, water would be so thick it might wobble but no healthy blood could be any thicker! He leaves to cherish his memory: his two grandsons, Le’Shawn and Kareem Youngblood; his great grandson, Lavar Youngblood; his sister and daughter, Rebecca Youngblood; The Armstrong Family, The Pugh and Eure Family, The Jones Family, The Greenidge Family, The Whitmore Family, The Marson Family, and The Sims Family, a host of godsons and daughters; his extended grandchildren, Neka Alexander and Alex Lacy; The 1493 Family; his community grandchildren; his musical, spiritual and funeral home families; and a host of friends.

Order of Service

Opening Hymn.....“Blessed Quietness”

Clerical Remarks..... (3 Minutes. Total Time 20 Minutes)

Poem..... Neka

Remembrances:..... (2 Minutes)

Obituary Reading

The Story of Grandpa (20 Minutes).....Kareem

Song..... Micheal Pugh

Eulogy (25 Minutes).....Karl Delk

Remarks

Benediction Singing.....“God Be With You”

INTERMENT:
Rosehill 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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