

Celebrating  
THE *Life* OF



*Yernel A. Spencer*  
January 30, 1950 - June 1, 2022

# Service Information

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022**

Viewing: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Service: 10:00 AM

## **Mount Vernon Seventh Day Adventist Church**

230 South Columbus Ave • Mount Vernon, NY

**Elder Anthony Morris, Officiating**

*(Riverdale SDA Church, Yonkers, NY)*

**Pastor Raymond Alcock, Speaker**

*(East New York SDA Church, Brooklyn, NY)*

## Interment

Kensico Cemetery  
Valhalla, NY

## Repast

Immediately following the internment,  
the family invites you to join them at  
**25 Tibbits Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606**

## Pallbearers

O'keffe Spencer  
Orlando Spencer  
Adrian Wallace  
Gullino Thomas  
Rehime McIntosh  
Conroy Brown  
Emmanuel Campbell  
Winston Forrester

# Order of Service

Processional .....	Clergy
Opening Remarks .....	Elder Anthony Morris <i>(Riverdale SDA Church, Yonkers, NY)</i>
Hymn .....	#462 Blessed Assurance - Sherika Campbell
Prayer .....	Elder Anthony Morris <i>(Riverdale SDA Church, Yonkers, NY)</i>
1st Scripture .....	Elder Timothy Brown <i>(Riverdale SDA Church, Yonkers, NY)</i>
2nd Scripture.....	Vinnette Malcolm
Musical Selection.....	Krystal Rowe-Young
Moments of Reflection:.....	Elder Anthony Morris <i>(Riverdale SDA Church, Yonkers, NY)</i> Latoya Young, (Coworker) Sherika Campbell, (Friend) O'keffe Spencer, Orlando Spencer, (Family) Chantelle Spencer, Shatiek Spencer, Timothy Brown, (Family) Adrian Wallace, Ayden Brown, Kellan Spencer, (Grandchildren) Lucas Spencer, Makenna Spencer, (Grandchildren)
Obituary.....	O'keffe Spencer
Prayer of Comfort.....	Pastor Philemon Corrodus <i>(Riverdale SDA Church, Yonkers, NY)</i>
Musical Selection.....	Shatiek & O'keffe Spencer
Homily .....	Pastor Raymond Alcock <i>(East New York SDA Church, Brooklyn, NY)</i>
Benedictory Hymn.....	#216 When the Roll is Called up Yonder Elder Anthony Morris <i>(Riverdale SDA Church, Yonkers, NY)</i>
Benedictory Prayer.....	Elder Anthony Morris <i>(Riverdale SDA Church, Yonkers, NY)</i>
Final Instructions .....	Eternity Funeral Services Directors
Recessional .....	Pastor, Elders, Family

# Obituary

**Mernel Anora Innis Spencer**, age 72, passed away on Wednesday, June 1st, 2022 in White Plains, New York. She was born on January 30th, 1950 in Hanover, Jamaica to Lloyd Innis and Eulalee Heron. She attended Rusea's High School in Lucea, Hanover, where she excelled in track and field and was proud to share her alma mater with Merlene Ottey. After graduating high school, Mernel attended Montego Bay Community College, where she earned her certification as a stenographer. She then began her career at the Ministry of Agriculture in Lucea.

In 1975, she married Orette Keefer Spencer and had 3 children, O'Keffe Kirkpatrick, Orlando Kreigoff, and Chantelle Anna-Kay. Being a mother was very important to her, and she continued to love and care for her family until her final days. Her love extended beyond her children; anyone who came across her path was met with love and kindness, due to her deep faith as a Seventh Day Adventist. She worked tirelessly to ensure her friends and loved ones were taken care of, even as a single mother. She immigrated to the United States in 1994, where eventually all three of her children joined her and she later adopted Shatiek and Shareem in 2009. In 2015, Mernel remarried to Timothy Brown. Timothy and all of her children have many fond memories of her dancing (keeping up with the latest trends!), singing, laughing and nurturing her plants and flowers, constantly figuring out ways to keep her plants alive during the cold New York winters.

Mernel was preceded in death by her brothers Kingsley Heron and Ledger Forrester. She will be honored and remembered by her husband Timothy Brown, her 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren: O'Keffe Spencer and his children Nakisha (mother of Kingsley and Kaydence), Kaiden, and Andres; Orlando Spencer, his wife Kelly and their children Kellan, Lucas, Makenna, Noa and Olivia; Chantelle Spencer and her children Adrian and Ayden; and the twins Shatiek and Shareem Spencer. Mernel is also survived by her siblings Winston Forrester, Melsern Parkinson, Robert Heron, Kenneth Heron, Daphne Forrester, Patricia Heron, Lorna Heron, and Sheryl Heron, as well as many nieces and nephews who loved their Auntie Mernel.

To know our mother was to love our mother, may she rest in peace.

# *“Blessed Assurance”*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]



# *“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”*

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound  
and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather  
over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

## Refrain.


When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

On that bright and cloudless morning  
when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of his resurrection share;  
When his chosen ones shall gather  
to their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. [Refrain]

Let us labor for the Master  
from the dawn till setting sun;  
Let us talk of all his wondrous love and care.  
Then when all of life is over  
and our work on earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. [Refrain]



*Precious Memories*



## Acknowledgement

The family of **Mernel A. Spencer** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.

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