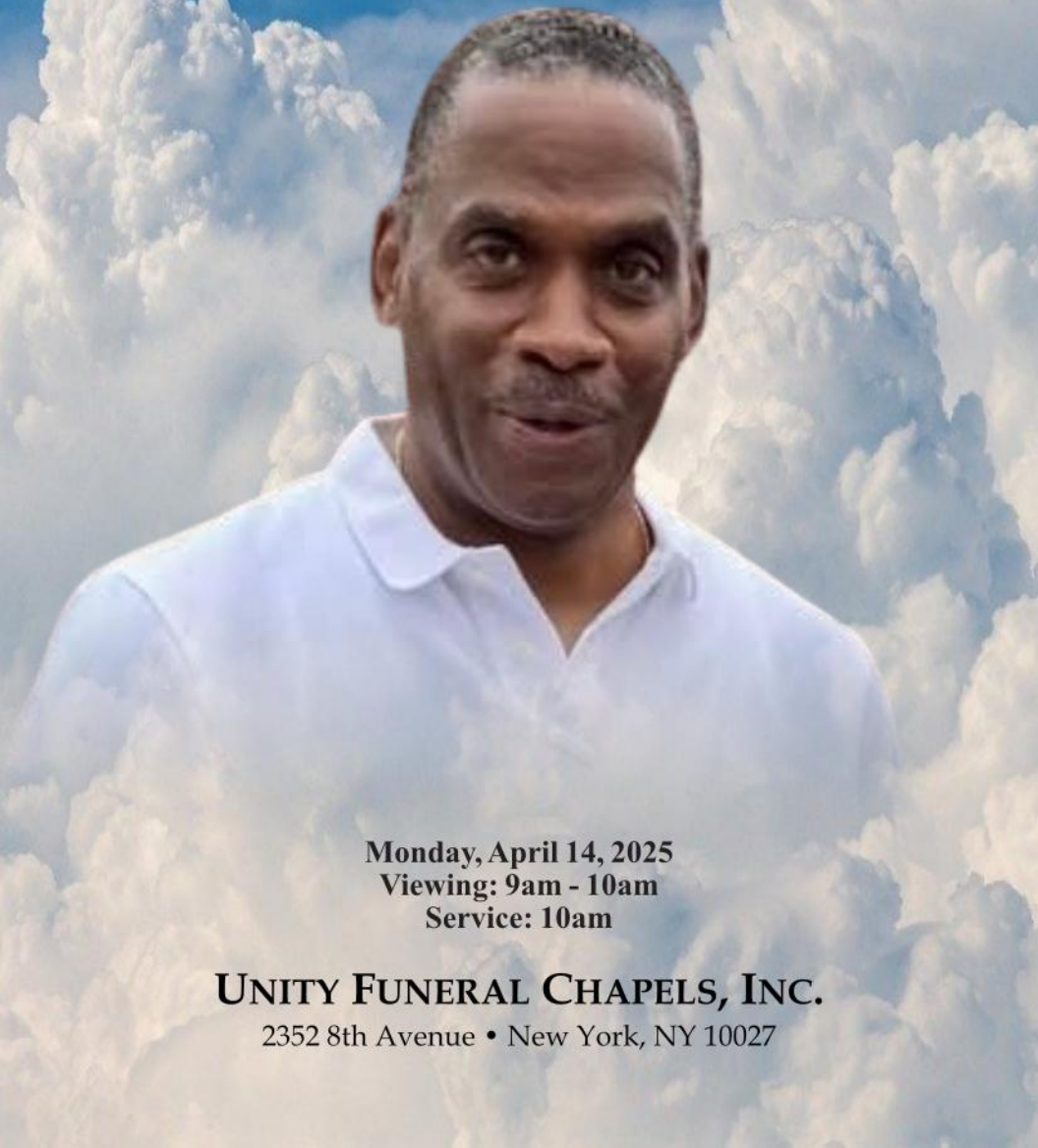


*In Loving Memory of*  
*Lance Jerome Powell*

*April 12, 1961 – March 29, 2025*



**Monday, April 14, 2025**  
**Viewing: 9am - 10am**  
**Service: 10am**

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# Obituary

**Lance Jerome Powell** was born on April 12, 1961 in New York City, he was one of a set of triplets born to the late William J. Powell and Margaret F. (Roberts) Powell. He was preceded in death by both parents, whom he held in the highest regard throughout his life.

From a young age, Lance was actively involved in his community. He participated in the NYC Boy Scouts, the Washington Heights Tennis League, the Junior Achievement of New York, and the Harlem chapter of the Warrior Marching Drum Band. Lance was known for his distinct style even as a child, he proudly declared his preference for Converse sneakers over Pro-Keds.

Lance attended Power Memorial High School in New York City. Upon graduating, he furthered his education at Syracuse University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree.

His early work experiences began with a family-owned franchise of the Automobile Club of America. Lance's dedication and work ethic led the manager to invite him back to work each summer — a testament to his reliability and enthusiasm.

In the 1980s, Lance advanced his career by joining Group Health Insurance (GHI), where he honed his professional skills. He eventually transitioned to the New York City Transit (NYCT), following in the footsteps of his father. Through hard work and perseverance, Lance rose from a token booth clerk to a supervisory role. His calm, balanced demeanor and straightforward management style earned him respect across the organization. He believed in leading without raising his voice, and his no-nonsense approach to problem-solving was well regarded. After 31 years of dedicated service, Lance retired from the New York City Transit in 2019.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Lance had a passion for watches and was a devoted fan of the NBA's New York Knicks. His admiration for the team and love for collecting memorabilia mirrored his father's interests, which was a connection he cherished deeply.

Lance was the epitome of sophistication when it comes to style and fashion. He was always impeccably dressed, while effortlessly combining a timeless elegance with a modern flair. Lance was debonair with his style which left a lasting impression of class and taste.

Lance is survived by: his two beloved children, Phillip Powell and Alexandria Powell; his three sisters, Michele Powell-Duncan (Florida), Tracey Powell-Sauerland (Germany), and Kim Powell (New York); his dear friend, Raneisha Layne; his cherished nephew, William Powell; and a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Lance will be remembered for his strength of character, his devotion to family, and the quiet dignity with which he lived his life.

# *Order of Service*

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*Interment*  
Silver Mount Cemetery  
Staten Island, New York

# *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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 savoured 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.

## *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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