Honorary Pallbearers

Family and Friends



<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of Linwood Saunders, Jr. wishes to thank you for your kind words and expressions of love during this bereavement. It warms our hearts to know you care and share in the loss of our dear loved one. We pray God's abundant blessings over you.

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Homegoing Celebration for Mr. Linwood Saunders, Jr



Sunríse: May 30, 1939 ~ Sunset: January 6, 2022

Saturday, January 22, 2022 12:00 P.M.

Alexander Funeral Chapel 1424 Statesville Avenue Charlotte, North Carolina 28206

Reverend Kay D. Blount, Officiating Order of Service

Professional

Prelude

Hymn

Invocation

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10

Prayer of Comfort

Acknowledgements & Expressions

Life Reflections (read silently)

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Reverend Kay D. Blount

Recessional

Benediction

Life Reflections

Mr. Linwood "Len" Saunders Jr. was born on May 30, 1939, in Halifax, North Carolina to Linwood Saunders Sr. and Pattie Mae Kelly. He grew up in Scotland Neck, North Carolina and was raised by his grandmother, Aletha Clark, and upon her illness, moved to Brooklyn, New York during his teenage years where he attended public high school. By friends and family, he was affectionately known as "Junior" or "Clark".

While living in New York, Linwood met the love of his life, Britannia Mae Mason. They married and raised two beautiful daughters whom they cherished together, until Britannia's untimely death in 1988. Soon after her death, Linwood relocated with his two young daughters to Charlotte, North Carolina and remained there over three decades.

Linwood had various jobs over the course of his life. He was most happy working in New York when he was employed at New York University as an elevator operator and porter. The opportunity to become the chauffeur driver for the President of New York University was the pinnacle job of his life. Linwood was not only an outstanding employee, but devoted son, husband, brother, brother-in-law, cousin, uncle, and friend.

Linwood enjoyed the simple things in life such as yard work, gardening, fishing, trapping, and raising chickens. After work experiences at Kasko Enterprises and his retirement from A.O. Smith in 2005, he had the time to do all the things he further loved to include eating great food, having great conversation and watching his favorite westerns.

Linwood passed away on January 6, 2022 at Atrium Health Cabarras. As he transitioned, his two daughters held his hands, prayed, and sang songs along with his son-in-law and granddaughter, who were present virtually. The absence of his stoic, devoted, and generous presence will be felt profoundly by his daughters, Monique, and Shanita (Jeneo), nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two sisters (Cynthia and Audrey), brother-and sister-in law (Roosevelt and Cathlene), nephews and nieces, and a host of extended family, friends and neighbors.

A Tribute to Dad

Daddy,

To say you were a part of my heart would be an understatement. You were a part of my everything. Regardless of what I was doing at any point during the day, I would stop and check in with you to see how you were doing. Now that you are gone, you will forever live in my heart. For someone who always looked like they had it together, I did not when starting my "new normal" soon after you transitioned. But that's okay because it takes surrendering to the moment, to take control of the things that matter. You were trying to tell me to slow down in such a peaceful way to get my own house in order. I get it now as that house was me. We often talked about death, but all the talks do not prepare you for the actual moment. As the scripture states, there's a time for every activity under heaven...a time to be born and a time to die, but until we meet again, I will slow down and take one moment and one day at a time. Monique and I love you and you will forever live within our hearts. Thank you for just being there. Well done thy good and faithful servant.

Love, Shanita