



Sylvester Jefferys

October 28, 1934 - March 16, 2018

Sylvester Jefferys was born on October 28, 1934 to the late Thomas and Evelyn Jefferys in Vance County, North Carolina. The Lord called him home on March 16, 2018.

Sylvester came to New York City as a young man in the 1950s, excited to begin life in the big city. He settled in Brooklyn, N.Y. where he met the love of his life, Mary Lou Kizzie. The couple married and 3 children, Theresa, Sylvester "Jr.", and Deborah were born of this union. An excellent provider, Sylvester purchased a home in Hollis, Queens and worked diligently throughout his life. He retired in 2006 as an OTB mail driver.

Known for his humor and sharp style, Sylvester was the life of the party. Never one to keep still, he loved listening to good music, going for car rides, dancing, and hanging on Hollis Avenue with friends. Still a country boy at heart, he loved gardening and took pride in growing big, ripe tomatoes and cucumbers which he enjoyed in his nightly salad.

Sylvester enjoyed good conversation and asking lots of questions. He was easy to talk to, told lots of jokes and gave great advice. He gave his life to the Lord in the Fall of 2017 and would listen to the music on his bible radio during quiet moments.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Evelyn Jefferys of Henderson, NC; brothers, Melvin, Alfred, Archibald, William, Erskin, Elijah, and Jeff Jefferys and Wannie Baskerville; one sister, Marie Jeffersy; and one grandson, Tyler Allen Hillard.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; three daughters, Theresa Phayme (Colin) of Richmond, VA, Deborah Jeferys and Gloria "Gail" Brame of Champaign, Illinois; two sons, Sylvester Jefferys Jr. and Anthony Thompson of Clemmons, NC; grandchildren, Pamela Phayme Jones (Rael), Ashley Phayme, Chris Jefferys, Corey Jefferys, Jayonia "JJ" White, Kytiece Frazier, Shawn Thompson, Symone Thompson, Caleb Thompson and Nia Thompson; two great grandsons, Emerie Jefferys and Kamarion Staples; three sisters, Georgianna Jefferys and Evelyn Foustin, Harriett Jefferys of Henderson, NC.; one brother, Hershey Jefferys of Tarboro, NC. and a host of relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Graveside Service at First Union Baptist Church Cemetery

MAR 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sylvester Jefferys

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - March 26, 2018 at 11:59 AM