



Terry L. Pearce

August 10, 1933 - November 16, 2022

Terry Leopold Pearce was born on August 10, 1933 in Colón Panama. As a child Terry loved and developed a skill for playing the piano. By the age of 12 he started playing professionally. When he was 17 years old he was recruited by the Armando Boza to play the piano. In years to come he would get a job playing his piano on the cruise ships. He would come play with the likes of Chubby Checker and Frankie Lymon when they would come to town.

In 1962 he emigrated from Panama to New York and settled in the Brooklyn area, as most Panamanians did at this time. He enjoyed watching baseball and rooted for his cousin Hector Lopez who played for the 61 Yankees and also was settled in Brooklyn. In years to come, he would join the The world famous Roseland Ballroom as a member of their Latin band. He would also start his own business, Terry's Van Service that would deliver makeup and cologne to department stores that he would receive from his long time friend and mentor Herb Wilson. Terry would later parlay his van service into a trucking business called TLP Transportation. In this business he would deliver computer paper to numerous parts of Long Island and Queens. With music still being his love and passion, Terry went from band member to band leader of the Latin band at the Roseland Ballroom with his name on the marquee "Terry Pearce Orchestra."

Terry retired from the trucking business in 2002. In his golden years, he concentrated on music and would play gigs in numerous cities. Unfortunately his last playing days were before the pandemic because everything was shut

down.

Terry is survived by his loving wife Denise Pearce, his 5 sons: Ricardo Pearce, Josè Pearce, Michael Pearce, Jason Pearce, Justin Pearce and also his only daughter Lydia Cole. He is also survived by several grandchildren and great children.