

*Homegoing Service  
for*



*Sunrise*

*October 14, 1932*

*Sunset*

*May 25, 2010*

*John Herbert Franklin*  
*"Herb"*

*Thursday, June 3, 2010*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Heard A.M.E. Church*

*310 East Eighth Avenue*

*Roselle, New Jersey*

*Rev. Vernon H. Peters, Pastor*



*Herb and Shirley  
Together Again*

# Order of Service

*Organ Prelude*

*Processional*

*A Parting View*

*Selection ..... Emergency Choir*

*Scriptures*

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Selection ..... Male Choir*

*Words of Comfort*

*Acknowledgment of Condolences*

*Obituary ..... Brad Benjamin*

*Solo ..... "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"  
Faith Perkins*

*Eulogy ..... Rev. Vernon H. Peters*

*Recessional*

## **Interment**

Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey

## **Repast**

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to return to Heard A.M.E. Church 310 E. 8th Avenue, Roselle where a repast will be served.

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*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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## *Reflections of Life*



**John Herbert Franklin** was born on October 14, 1932 in Bishopville, South Carolina, the son of Pauline Porter Franklin and Henry Franklin. As a child, his family relocated to Roselle, New Jersey where he was educated in the Roselle Public School system. He graduated from Abraham Clark High School in 1950.

Soon after graduation, “Herb”, as he was affectionately known, joined the United States Navy. While on tour of duty, he earned the designation of Chief Petty Officer. A veteran of the Korean War, he received the China Service, American Defense and Good Conduct Medals.

In 1954, John married the love of his life, his childhood sweetheart, Shirley Barbara Burrell. This union was blessed with three children, Gary, Toby and Darren.

Upon his honorable discharge from the service, “Herb” was employed by Metal Textile, now known, as Metex Corporation in Edison, New Jersey. He was proud when his sons joined him at Metex. John would retire as a supervisor after over forty years of dedicated service.

Herb was very concerned about the youth in Roselle. He was a role model for many young boys and they will tell you that through his influence and concern, he made them better men. Because of his concern, he co-founded the Roselle Pop Warner Football League. His daughter, Toby was on the first cheerleading squad and his son, Gary played football. He was also very active in Roselle Recreation.

John was a faithful member of Heard A.M.E. Church in Roselle. He was a former Steward, appointed under the pastorate of the late Rev. Theodore R. Goyins and was a member of the Male Chorus and Emergency Choir. In 2006, the church honored him as “Father of the Year.”

Mr. Franklin joined several fraternal organizations. He was a Master Mason – Blue House at Acacia Lodge # 23

*– F. & A. M. in Roselle, a Shriner at Golconda Temple #24 in Newark and was a member of both the American Legion Post #499 in Rahway and the George E. Cannon Lodge #858 – I.B.P.O. – Elks of the World in Vauxhall. He was also a member of the Roselle branch of the NAACP.*

*Herb enjoyed baking and took pride in his pies. He was known in the community for his sweet potato pies. He was also an avid New York Giants Football and Rutgers Football fan. He was a Rutgers season ticket holder for many years and through his friend, John Cummins earned Rutgers Alumni status.*

*John Herbert Franklin departed this life on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth at the age of 77.*

*He had been predeceased by his loving wife, Shirley just a month before on April 22, 2010. He was also predeceased by his parents, Pauline and Henry Franklin and two brothers, James and Charles Franklin.*

*He leaves to cherish fond memories: a daughter, Toby Lauren Carter of Roselle, NJ; two sons, Gary Wayne Franklin of Elizabeth, NJ and Darren Crane Franklin of Linden, NJ; seven grandchildren, Kelli Carter Bell, Brian Franklin, Geoffery Michael Carter, Cory Sean Franklin, Ryan Whitney Franklin, Jamieson M. Franklin, Porsha Unique Franklin and Jaleska; two great grandchildren, Cleophas Bell, 4th and Coby Bell; two sisters, Francena Reed and her husband, Leo of Trenton, NJ and Helena Franklin Smith of Sharon, PA; two sisters-in-law, Lucy Franklin of Fanwood, NJ and Diane Carter of Linden, NJ; two brothers-in-law, Richard Burrell of Plainfield, NJ and Marius Burrell, Jr. of Los Angeles, CA; and a host of other relatives and friends.*

*Lovingly and Sorrowfully,  
The Family*

***Pallbearers***  
***Family and Friends of John Herbert Franklin***

*We lost a father with a heart of gold,  
How much we miss him can never be told.  
He shared our troubles and helped us along,  
If we follow his footsteps we will never go wrong.*

*We miss you from your fireside chair,  
Your loving smile and gentle air.  
Your vacant place no one can fill,  
We miss you father and always will.*

*He was a father so very rare,  
Content in his home and always there.  
On earth he toiled in Heaven he rests,  
God bless you father, you were one of the best*



***Acknowledgement***

*The family of **Herb Franklin** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement.*

*We will always keep you in our prayers.  
May God continue to richly bless you.*