

*In Loving Memory*



*Andrew Lee Howard*  
*"Sonny Boy"*

**Sunrise**  
May 5, 1948

**Sunset**  
July 3, 2010

*Saturday, July 10, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

***Rev. E.T. Byrd, Officiating***

## Obituary

**Andrew Lee Howard (Sonny Boy)** was born on May 5, 1948 to Wilhelmina Howard in Surry County, VA. He departed this earthly life on Saturday, July 3, 2010 at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, NJ.

Andrew and his mother moved to Newark, NJ in his youth. He attended Morton Street School and Central High School in Newark, NJ. After completing high school, he joined the U.S. Army and fought in the Vietnam War until he was Honorably Discharged in 1971.

After leaving the military, he did odd jobs till he became employed as a chef for Newark public schools where he worked faithfully for fifteen years. He also worked as handyman for seventeen years. He then became a member of Local 68. During this time, he learned to speak Spanish fluently.

After thirty years of employment he retired. Andrew was the type of person that was loved by everyone he came in contact with. After he retired, he devoted the remainder of his life to the love and care of his wife, Deborah, who was his friend and soul mate.

Andrew was a happy-go-lucky person once you came across his path you would never forget him. He just had that affect. He loved life, children, people, but mostly himself. He wasn't a selfish person, but he always lived for today, always remembering that tomorrow's not promised. Andrew was always willing to give inspiration and motivation to others. The most impressive attributes were his integrity and loyalty to his wife and family. It was also a fact that he meant what he said and he said what he meant. Andrew took great pride in his dress. When he stepped into a room, he had all eyes on him. He was a child of God and could recite the Bible front and back. Andrew was a faithful member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Newark, NJ.

He was preceded in death by his loving mother, Wilhelmina Howard.

Andrew leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife, Deborah; four children, Shaheed, Alex, George and Zakee; three stepchildren, Shelton, Siobhan and Shawn; six grandchildren, Ameenah, Gloria, Andrew, Shareese, Elijah and Brielle; one great granddaughter, Zaire; two very dear friends, Gordon McGriff and Della Jones; his beloved dog, King; and a host of other family members and friends.

*Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks

Reading of Obituary

Acknowledgements

Selection

Eulogy ..... Rev. E.T. Byrd

Benediction

Recessional



**Interment**  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey

# To Those I Love

When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."

-Author unknown

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