

*In Loving Memory
of*



Earl M. Simpson
“Juice” or “O.J.”

Sunrise

October 8, 1938

Sunset

July 5, 2010

Monday, July 12, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

PROVIDENCE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

469 S. 17th Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. J. Vincent Grove, Host Pastor

Rev. Dolores Davison, Officiating

Obituary

Earl (affectionately called “**Juice**” or “**O.J.**”) was born October 8, 1938, in New York City, the only son of Frank and Eva West Simpson. He departed this life on July 5, 2010 after a brief illness. He received his formal education in the New York City Public School system. Earl later attended the Laurinburg Institute in Laurinburg, NC. He was a member of St. Mark Methodist Church in New York City, NY.

He lived in New York City all his life until settling in New Jersey in 1986. He worked for the United States Postal Service in New York City as a Safe and Lock Mechanic for 34 years, before retiring in 1993. Earl was a sharp shooter in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge. He was also a member of Freestone Lodge #66 in Newark, NJ.

Earl was a quiet and gentle person who loved sports (an avid lover of the Giants, Knicks and the Mets), playing cards, *his “spirits”* and his family. Family and friends were very important in his life. He took pride in his craft.

Earl is survived by: his loving wife, Gwendolyn; three daughters, Debbie Fashaw (grandchildren - Tiffany, Jacqueline and Priscilla); Tyest (grandchildren - Andre, Sebastian and Asher); and Earlette Simpson (grandchildren - Francine, Tashema and Geneva); one stepson, Ernest A. Lucas (grandchildren - Cheyna, Devin and Tierra); sisters-in-law, Pastor Velma J. N. Heyward (Daniel), Thelma “*Magic*” Nelson, and Sarah A. Thomas (Anthony); one daughter-in-law, Michelle Lucas; father in-law, Freeman McCrae; eleven great grandchildren; one aunt, Dorothy West, and a host of cousins and dear friends.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, one granddaughter, Beverly Fashaw and one stepson, Ralph F. Lucas, Jr.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional Clergy and Family

Scripture Reading Rev. Dolores Davison, Asst. Pastor
New Hope Baptist Church • Metuchen, NJ

Old Testament - Psalms 23:1-6

New Testament - Matthew 5: 1-9

Prayer of Consolation..... Rev. J. Vincent Grove, Pastor
Providence Missionary Baptist Church

Solo Sis. Delores Davis
“Precious Lord”

Remarks *(Please Limit to 2 Minutes)*

Selection Pastor Velma J. N. Heyward
“Going Up Yonder”

Acknowledgements Michelle Brown

Obituary Reading Michelle Brown

Eulogy Pastor Velma J. N. Heyward
Path of Life Ministries • Huger, SC

Committal & Benediction Pastor Velma J. N. Heyward

Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

*Relatives and friends are welcome to the reception at
281 16th Ave. • Newark, NJ.*

The Measure Of A Man

Not - How did he die? But - How did he live?
Not - What did he gain? But - What did he give?

These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not - What was his station? But - had he a heart?
And - How did he play his God-given part?

Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer?
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

Not - What was his church? Not - What was his creed?
But - Had he befriended those really in need?

Not - What did the sketch in the newspaper say?
But - How many were sorry when he passed away?

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Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

~Unknown Author

PALL BEARERS

Jonathan Ross	Troy Jenkins
Larry Hazel	Mark Wright
Casper Sheppert	Joshua Wright

FLORAL BEARERS

Friends of the Family

Acknowledgments

The family of **Earl Simpson** extend sincere gratitude for all expressions of kindness, benevolence and sympathy during our time of sorrow.
May God richly bless you for your acts of compassion!

O. J. has been provided excellent care through the facilities of Cotton Funeral Service.

Professional Services Provided By

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