

Celebration of Life
for

Sunrise
October 2, 1931

Sunset
July 24, 2010

Roland Alexander Ingram
"Boxy"

Services

Wednesday, July 28, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

PERRY FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL

34 Mercer Street
Newark, New Jersey

Rev. James Moore, Officiating

Obituary

Roland Alexander Ingram “Boxy”, son of the late Lewis Ingram and Isbell Albury Ingram, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 24, 2010 at 7:41 a.m. at the Riverton Nursing Rehabilitation Center in Rahway, NJ. Roland was born October 2, 1931 in Miami, Florida where he was raised with his brothers, Lewis Jr., Fredrick, Ernest and Brindley all of whom have predeceased him and his sister Erma Ingram who played a prominent role in his life.

Roland attended Miami Public Schools and graduated in 1952 from Booker T. Washington High School. He briefly attended Bethune Cookman College and spent a few years in the Army.

As a young adult he migrated to Newark, New Jersey where he enjoyed a 31 year career at Western Electric Corporation, AT&T and Lucent Technologies. There he met and made lifelong friendships.

During his early years in Newark, Roland in partnership with close friends opened *The Blue Swan Lounge, Mr. Wonderful Nightclub* at 14th Avenue and 18th Street where stellar entertainers appeared such as: Aretha Franklin, Arthur Prysock, Bobby Blue Bland, Jerry Butler, Marvin Gaye, and Slappy White. He also owned *Club Boxy* on 16th Avenue and the R&R Convenience Store in Newark. In the 1970's he promoted a star-studded concert for Newark at School Stadium featuring *Earth Wind and Fire*.

Roland enjoyed life with his children Gregory and Sybil, grandchildren Marcus and Olivia and a host of friends with whom he traveled to Superbowls and spent his leisure time with. Watching sports, especially football, was his passion. His annual Superbowl party drew large crowds in Miami, Florida and was a highlight every January.

Roland's last known employer before departing his earthly life was for Newark Public Schools where he proudly served as a night security guard.

Friends and family will remember the contributions Roland “Boxy” made to their functions and parties as his true enjoyment came from making sure that all of you enjoyed yourselves.

Roland is survived by: his former wife, Bettye Ann Ingram; his son, Gregory Bernard Ingram both of Roselle, New Jersey; his daughter, Sybil Ann Ingram-Henson (Lloyd); his beloved grandchildren, Marcus Lloyd and Olivia Ann Isabel Henson of Durham, North Carolina; his sister, Erma Ingram and his beloved Gladys Humes-Johnson both of Miami, Florida; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, extended family and friends.

Order of Service

Scripture Reading
Vera Stokes Johnson
Old Testament: Joshua 1:9
New Testament: John 14-4

Prayer of Comfort
Revered James Moore
Second Baptist Church, Roselle, NJ

Acknowledgements and Obituary
Robin R.C.W. Johnson, Esq.

Remarks
(2 minutes please)

Special Remarks
Richard Branch, Sr.

Eulogy
Reverend James Moore

Musical Tribute
Kasoundra Clemons
“My Way”

Parting View

Recessional

Mr. Roland Ingram will be laid to rest at the
Dade Memorial Park Cemetery in Miami, Florida.

*Following the memorial service, the family will receive guests for the repast at
the home of Bettye Ingram, 120 Halcyon Place in Roselle, NJ.*

Little Did We Know

Little did we know that God would call your name. In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone. For a part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories; your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always on our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Author Unknown

There are no words for how I really feel ... rest Dad, recline on your cloud and just rest.

Love, Sybil

Look down upon us and smile as you rest from the journey and work you've done. Know that you've left an indelible impression on the multitude and that you have planted seeds that have grown tall into stalks of strength, courage and caring.

Love, Gregory (Man)

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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