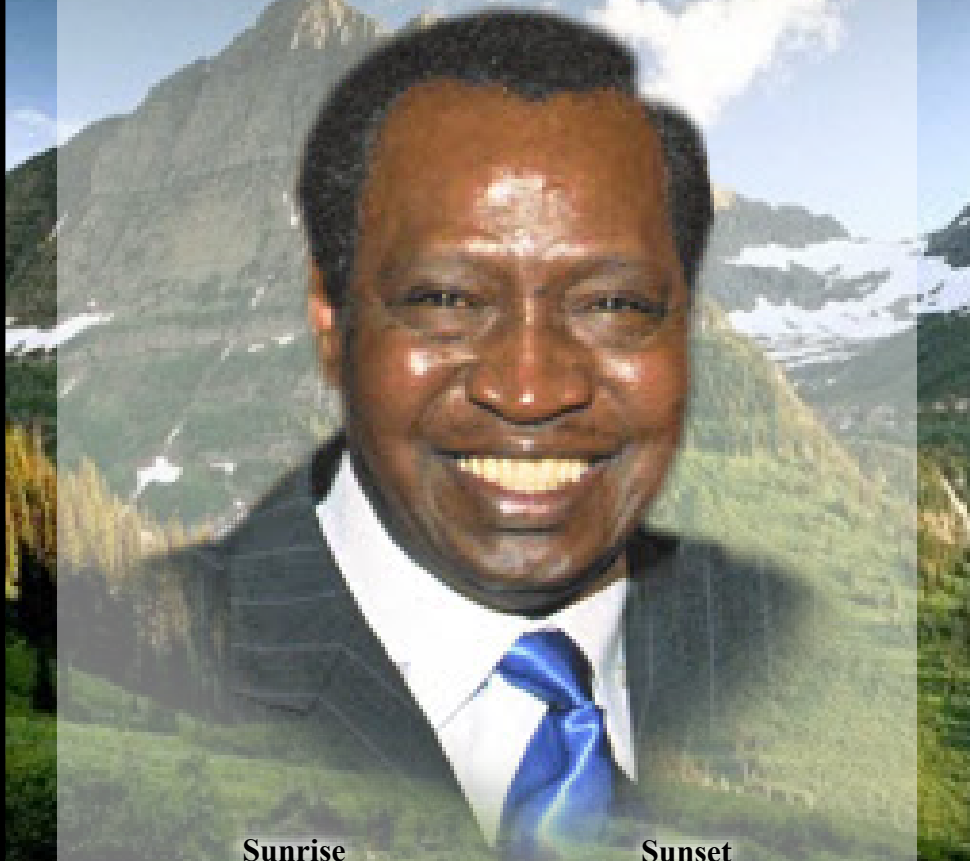


In Loving Memory of
Johnny Leroy Hardwick



Sunrise
March 24, 1948

Sunset
February 14, 2011

Saturday, February 19, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

NEW POINT BAPTIST CHURCH
17-21 E. Kinney Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Joseph Napier, Officiating

Obituary

Johnny Leroy Hardwick, affectionately known as “Slim” was born on March 24, 1948 to Cora and the late Jesse B. Hardwick in Dawson, Georgia.

The family relocated to Newark, NJ shortly thereafter, joining the New Point Baptist Church. Johnny was educated in the City of Newark School system, graduating from Central High School. After graduation, Johnny joined the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam War Era. After his tour of duty, he returned home and married. To that union, two daughters were born. He later relocated to Los Angeles, California where he continued his education, and played semi-professional basketball with the L.A. Bears. Johnny was employed at the Los Angeles Veterans Hospital. During that time, he became the proud father of twin daughters and a son.

Johnny then moved back to Newark, NJ where he met, fell in love with and married Karen Lewis in September 1997.

Reuniting with the New Point Baptist Church, Johnny showed his love for the Lord and dedication to Christ, singing on the choir, his favorite song “On My Way Home” and ushering. Always willing to go the extra mile for his choir and Usher Board.

Johnny was an avid basketball player and fan along with his undying dedication and joy for the game of pool, playing on the Tanky’s BJ’s and Nunos Nut Jobs teams winning several first place championships.

Johnny leaves to cherish his life: a loving wife of thirteen years, Karen Hardwick of Irvington, NJ; mother, Cora Hardwick of Newark, NJ; daughters, Mendella of Massachusetts, Kimberly of Irvington, NJ, Johneen and Johnette of Los Angeles, CA; son, John Jr. of Los Angeles, CA; brothers, Jesse (Cynthia) of Elizabeth, NJ and Christopher (Dee) of Maryland; sister, Marvella (Terry) Cullens of Irvington, NJ; sister-in-law, Kathy Lewis of Flint, MI; aunt, Mary (Edward) Armstrong of Plainfield, NJ; eight grandchildren; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends, along with members of his Pool Teams and Eva Howard “Annie” who was like a grandmother to Johnny.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Organist

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Choir

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Joyce Bailey

Eulogy

Reverend Joseph Napier

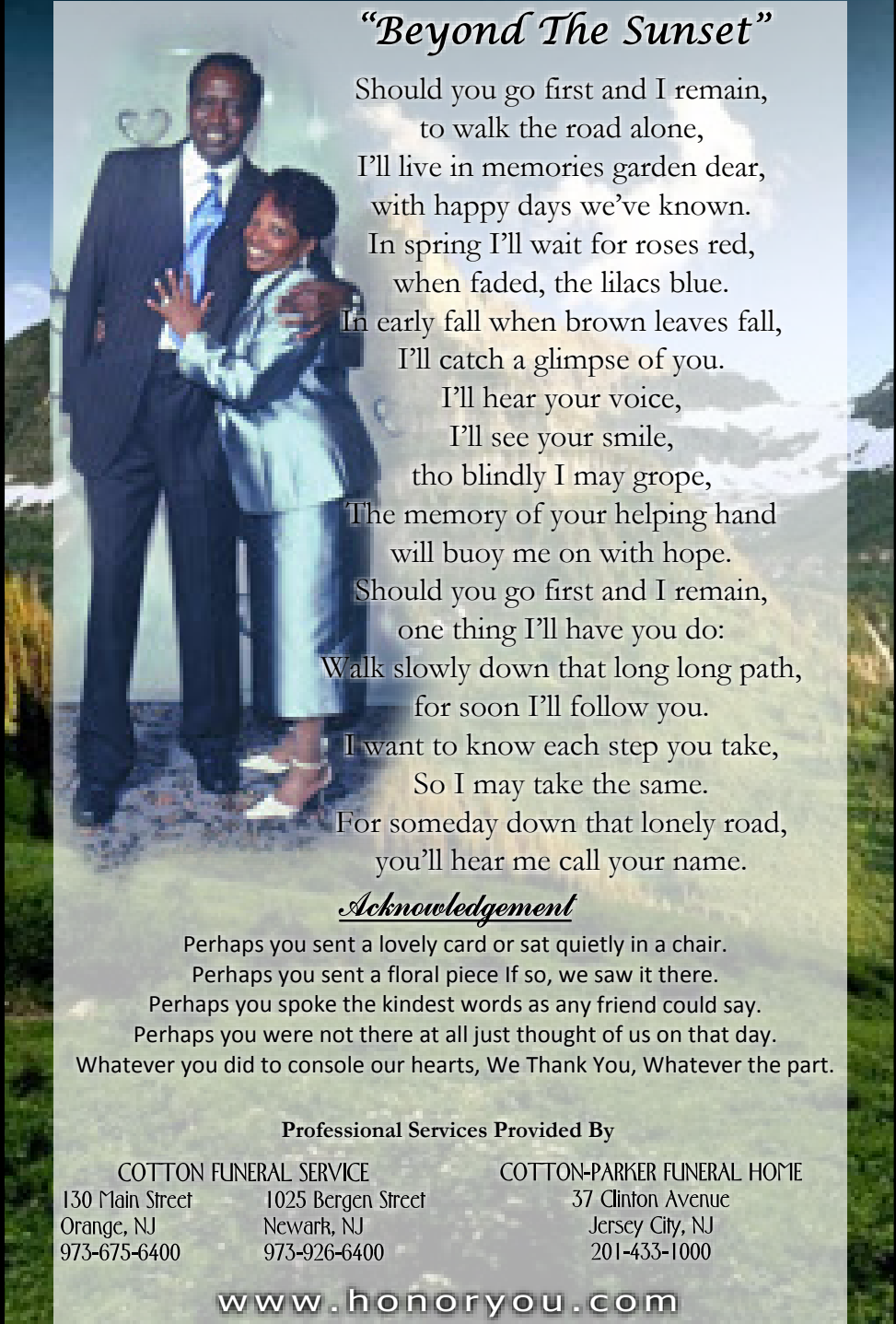
Recessional

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park

Kenilworth, New Jersey

***Friends are invited to join the family for the repast held at
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“Beyond The Sunset”

Should you go first and I remain,
to walk the road alone,
I'll live in memories garden dear,
with happy days we've known.

In spring I'll wait for roses red,
when faded, the lilacs blue.

In early fall when brown leaves fall,
I'll catch a glimpse of you.

I'll hear your voice,

I'll see your smile,

tho blindly I may grope,

The memory of your helping hand
will buoy me on with hope.

Should you go first and I remain,
one thing I'll have you do:

Walk slowly down that long long path,
for soon I'll follow you.

I want to know each step you take,

So I may take the same.

For someday down that lonely road,
you'll hear me call your name.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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