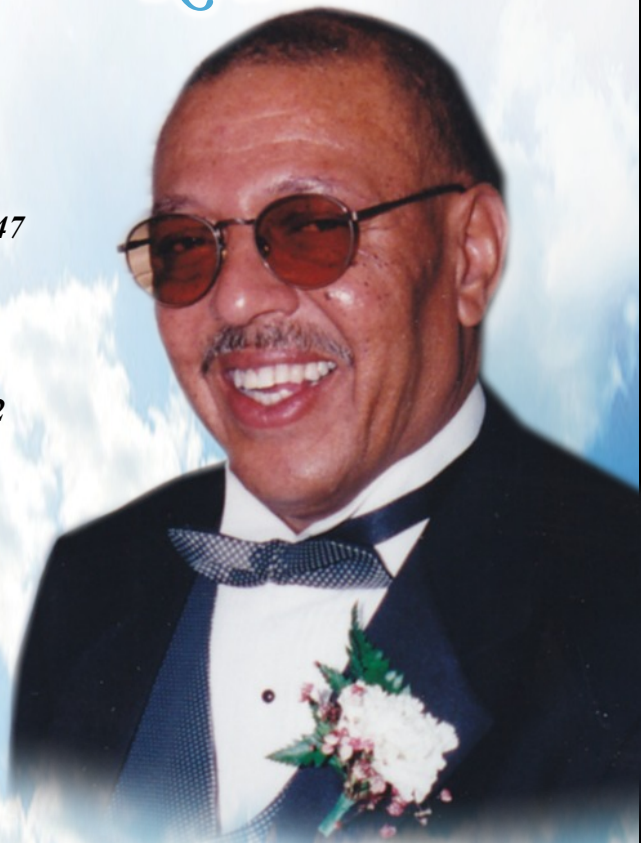


*In Loving Memory of*  
**Alton C. Harper**  
*“Red”*

**Sunrise**  
*October 15, 1947*

**Sunset**  
*April 11, 2012*



*Thursday, April 19, 2012 -12:00 noon*

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163 Oakwood Avenue  
Orange, New Jersey 07050

***Rev. Tyson L. Phillips, Officiating***

## Obituary

**Alton C. Harper (Red)** was born October 15, 1947 in Warrenton, North Carolina to the late George W. Harper and the late Sannie L. Harper. He fell asleep in death on April 11, 2012 in East Orange, New Jersey.

He was educated in the public schools of Warren County, North Carolina. As a young man, Alton served his country in the Vietnam War from March 1966 until he was honorably discharged in March 1968.

In 1968, he relocated to Paterson, New Jersey. Shortly after, he moved to East Orange, New Jersey where he remained until his death. For twenty-nine years he worked for General Motors as an automobile painter. He retired from General Motors in Linden, New Jersey in 1997. He was also self-employed for many years owning a few tractor trailers doing cross country and local hauling for different companies. He also worked other jobs through out his life because he believed that a real man always worked.

On July 2, 1995, Alton finally married the love of his life Verlinda V. Major of New Jersey. From this lasting union they had no children together, but they had the joy and privilege of raising three lovely children from her previous marriage. He also had two other children from a previous marriage and a son from another relationship.

Alton was a loving and warm-hearted person who loved life and all it had to offer. He was always happy and upbeat willing to help out everyone he could. He touched everyone he came in contact with using his wit and charm leaving a lasting impact on all. He will truly be missed by many.

Alton was one of eleven siblings, six brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. On Wednesday, April 11, 2012, Alton fell asleep in death leaving to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Verlinda V. Harper; a son, Elton C. Harper; a loving son and daughter, Alton C. Harper, Jr. of East Orange, NJ and Nolisa Bullock (Richard) of Warrenton, NC; two step daughters, Monique Phillips (Tyson) of Tobyhanna, PA and China Dunston of East Orange, NJ; a step son, Albert Seeley of East Orange, NJ; a sister Hazella Brown (Marion) of Warrenton, North Carolina, a brother Willie J. Harper of Paterson, New Jersey; his life long childhood friend and partner in crime, Roy, Jr. of Warrenton, NC; ten grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Reflections ..... Family and Friends

Obituary ..... Read Silently

Eulogy ..... Tyson L. Phillips

Prayer ..... Tyson L. Phillips

Final Viewing ..... Family and Friends

Recessional



## **Entombment**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

## **Repast**

*Family will be receiving guest at the  
Elks Lodge  
475 Main Street • Orange, NJ 07050  
(973) 673-9509*

# *Don't*

*Don't spend too much time in mourning*

*Tears are for the sad.*

*And this should make you glad*

*Don't waste your hours in grieving;*

*No need to feel distress.*

*I'm tired of life's frustrations*

*And had to get some rest.*

*Don't ask yourself questions*

*Or try to reason why?*

*Life here for me was ended;*

*Don't lose the love I gave you;*

*Feed it with your care.*

*Grow it with devotion*

*And spread it everywhere.*

*Don't fret because my leaving*

*Came in such a way;*

*We'll have another meeting*

*In God's Paradise earth not far away.*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family of Alton Harper wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many expressions of love and sympathy during our time of great loss. Your thoughts, prayers and words of comfort during these hard times will always be greatly cherished and remembered.*

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