



*In Loving
Memory
of*

Herbert Early Cooke

Sunrise

June 16, 1945

Sunset

April 11, 2012

Friday, April 20, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

Rev. Dr. Delrio Ligon-Berry, Officiating

Obituary

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

Matthew 5:8

Herbert Early “Earl” Cooke was born on June 16, 1945 in Prospect, Virginia to the late Herbert and Nannie Cooke.

Earl attended public school in Virginia until the closing of schools in 1959. He then moved to New Jersey to complete his education at Central Vocational School in Newark, New Jersey and graduated in 1964.

After graduation he was employed by Leonardo Strauss Italian Knite for several years in Clifton, New Jersey. Then UPS Company for several years in Paterson, New Jersey until he made his way to Atlas Cleaning in Kenilworth, New Jersey as a Supervisor for thirty years until his death.

There are no words to explain the type of person he was, kind, loving and extremely supportive. He was a man of honor and dignity (somewhat laid back.) He always had a way of expressing himself with humor such as, “what’s happening child.”

On Wednesday, April 11, 2012 the all mighty came down and decided Earl’s work was done here on earth and he had other things for him in his kingdom (when God picks his flowers he always picks the best first.)

He leaves to cherish his memories: two sons, Shaun Griner (Pamela) of Allentown, PA, Mustafah Muslim (Rasheeda) Newark, NJ; one daughter, Lakeisha Cooke of Irvington, NJ; two living sisters, Pauline Patterson of Farmville, VA, Frances Davis of Orange, NJ; one brother, Godfrey Vaughn of Mays-Landing, NJ; seven grandchildren, Naji Cooke of Irvington, NJ, Abdul-Fattah Muslim of Newark, NJ, Tasiyah Muslim of Newark, NJ, Quaseem Carter of Newark, NJ, Hunter Griner of Allentown, PA, Skyler Griner of Allentown, PA, Faheem Diggs of Newark, NJ; two nieces, R. Teresa Patterson of Farmville, VA, Akeamah Davis, Temple Hill, MD; four nephews, Randolph Patterson (Irene) Midiothian, VA, Christopher Green of Farmville, VA, Ricky Davis of Orange, NJ, Johnathan Patterson and Daniel Midiothian, VA; a devoted and loving friend, (Lois); and a host of aunts, uncles and friends. “We all love you so very much, Earl.”

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Johnnie Taylor

Acknowledgement/Obituary Dorette Ligon-Ham

Remarks (*2 minutes please*)

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Delrio Ligon-Berry

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Repast

51 Seymour Avenue • Newark, NJ

My Farewell



*Our family circle has been broken,
link has gone from our chain;
But though we are parted for a while,
We know we will meet again.
Sometimes it's hard to understand why
certain things must be, but there is a
reason for it all, beyond our power to see.
The cover of life's book is closed for
one we loved so well;
But the loving deeds of
by-gone days are what the pages tell.
The blow was hard, the shock severe;
We never thought your death was so near.
But only those who have lost can tell
The pain of parting without farewell.*

-Author unknown



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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