

In Loving Memory of



Raymond Harris

Sunrise

July 7, 1934

Sunset

June 4, 2012

Saturday, June 16, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street • Orange, NJ

Rev. Malachia Brantley Jr., M. Div, Officiating



Reflections of Life

Raymond Harris, the son of the late Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Lillie Harris, was born July 7, 1934 in Henrico County, Virginia. One of nine children born of that union. God called Raymond home to rest, on Monday, June 4, 2012. He was preceded in death by his adoring wife Janet E. Harris. They remained loving and devoted, until she was called home on July 7, 2011.

Raymond graduated from Virginia Randolph High School in 1951. Shortly after, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served for ten dedicated years and having been awarded several medals, was honorably discharged.

Affectionately referred to as “Ray” all his life, by those who knew and loved him, Raymond accepted Christ as his Personal Savior at an early age. He became a member of the Second Bethel Baptist Church in Richmond Virginia.

Soon after leaving Richmond Virginia, Raymond moved to Newark, New Jersey. It was there that he met and married the late, Sally M. Walker. Their union was blessed with a beautiful baby boy, Raymond Jr.

Ray began his career as an assistant in floor maintenance. Before long Raymond established his own company Harris Floor Waxing Service, his company has endured as one of the longest black owned businesses in East Orange.

Raymond was a resident of East Orange, until his passing. Raymond enjoyed his home and running his business. He was ambitious and always striving for excellence which led to his success. His more sensitive side could be seen in his passion for gardening. He loved seeing things grow and loved the beauty in flowers. He would make repeated trips to Home Depot and Metropolitan Flowers. They were his go to places for beautifying his home. Another hobby that gave him joy other than eating was sharing with his brother Benny, their love for classic cars. They dreamed of and looked forward to owning a fleet of classic cars before Ray retired. He also enjoyed going to race tracks, Atlantic City and shopping with his late sister Thelma. He and Thelma enjoyed a very loving relationship. Another joy of his life was his sister Sarah whom he cherished, the sound of her voice made his face light up.

Raymond was a warm and affectionate man who met and fell in love with the lovely Betty Seymore. They were blessed with a wonderful son, Tyrone Seymore.

Raymond leaves to cherish his beloved memory: his children, Raymond Jr., Tyrone (Daytonya) Seymore and Didria Brown; his loving sisters, Sarah D. Harris and Virgie Brown; his brother, Benny Harris Sr.; four grandchildren, Raymond III, Da'Chan, Tyree and Kyle Seymore; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, employees and many friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn
Rev. Anita Bethea

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Selection

Acknowledgements

Reflections

Reading of The Obituary

Selection

Eulogy
*Rev. Malachia Brantley Jr.,
Shiloh Baptist Church • Newark, New Jersey*

Selection

Recessional

Interment

Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited back to the R.D. Spain Youth Center to join in a repast to rejoice and respect the life of Raymond.



“After Glow”

*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.*

*I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
of happy memories
that I leave when life is done.*



Acknowledgements

The Family of Raymond Harris acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind acts and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and concerns.

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