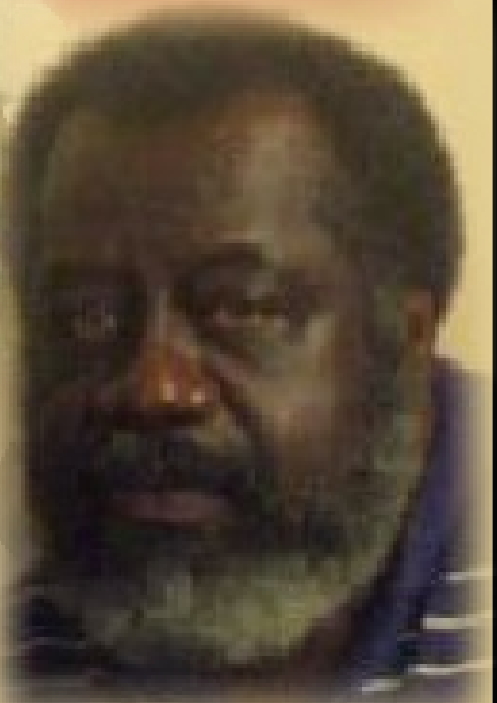


In Loving  
Memory  
of



# James H. Curtis, Jr.

**Sunrise**  
*October 9, 1947*

**Sunset**  
*February 5, 2013*

*Service*

Monday, February 11, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street

Newark, New Jersey

**Rev. Kenneth McGhee, Jr., Officiating**

## Obituary



**James Henry Curtis Jr.** born the oldest child to the proud parents, the late James Henry Curtis Sr. and Evangelist Rosalee Johnson entered this world on October 9, 1947 in Newark, NJ.

Responding to the voice of the Almighty God, James suddenly yet peacefully, slipped into the master's arms on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, joining his parents who both preceded him in death.

After receiving his formal education from the Newark Public School District, James affectionately known as Curtis/Jr, joined the US Military, where he served as a corporal/specialist in the Army division. During his time in the military Curtis had been stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Fort Knox, Kentucky. His tours of duty included Vietnam and Japan. Curtis was given an honorable discharge having received the following decorations and medals: National Defense Service Ribbon, The Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Metal and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He continued serving his country re-enlisting in the National Guard and the Army Reserve.

Prior to Curtis' enlistment with the US Military, he met and married his childhood friend and sweetheart Pauline Johnson on October 1, 1967. To this sacred union four children were born: James Anthony, Coretta Yolanda, Paul Matthew, and Michael Lamar. During his childhood years Curtis was a member of Heard A.M.E Church, Roselle, NJ., and later joined Gospel Mission Baptist Church, Newark., NJ., under the leadership of his father-in-law, the late Rev. Peter Johnson. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized. Although quiet in nature Curtis enjoyed singing and playing the guitar and listening to music referred to as "The Golden Oldies". He enjoyed laughing with family and friends while also challenging their intellect with crossword puzzles, jeopardy and wheel of fortune. Prior to Curtis' health illness he enjoyed his many years of employment as a truck driver.

James Henry Curtis Jr.'s legacy will continue to live through cherished memories by his devoted wife, Pauline Curtis; daughter Coretta Yolanda, sons; James Anthony, Paul Matthew, (Hadassah), and Michael Lamar Curtis, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren; his siblings, Gerald Washington, Elizabeth, NJ, Terrence Curtis, Albany, NY and Elder W. Stanford Curtis, Manassas, VA (Muriel); Mother-in-law Ethel Mae Johnson, three sister-in-laws, four brother-in-laws, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional ..... Clergy, Leadership and Family

Prayer of Comfort ..... Bishop Rudy V. Carlton

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ..... Reading Rev. Edna Mack  
Gospel Mission Baptist Church, Newark, NJ

New Testament Reading ..... Rev. Dr. Amelda Lee  
Providence Baptist Church, Cliffwood, NJ

Solo ..... W. Stanford Curtis

Remarks and Reflections ..... Family, Friends  
Kiana Shell, Anthony Curtis, Michael Curtis

Acknowledgements/Resolutions/Obituary .... Sharee Owens-West

Solo

Eulogy ..... Rev. Kenneth McGhee Jr.

Closing Prayer and Benediction ..... Rev. Kenneth McGhee Jr.

Recessional ..... Clergy, Leadership and Family

## **Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

## **Pall Bearers**

Michael Curtis            Anthony Curtis  
Paul Curtis                Terry Curtis  
Warren Curtis

## *Safely Home*

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder why I so calmly Trod the valley of the shade? Oh! But Jesus' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me In that way so hard to tread; And with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely, For I love you dearly still: Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand; Do it now, while life remaineth - You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home: Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!*

*-unknown author*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **James Henry Curtis, Jr.** would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere appreciation for your countless acts of kindness, calls visits, cards and above all your prayers during this time of bereavement. As we begin our journey towards healing we solicit your prayers and words and encouragement in days to come. Special thank you to Bishop Rudy V. Carlton, Rev. Kenneth McGhee Jr, and The Cotton Funeral Services. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. Lovingly Submitted – The Family

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