

In Loving Memory of



Howard McQueen

Sunrise
March 22, 1938

Sunset
April 5, 2014

Service

Saturday, April 12, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

*“God knew you were tired. A cure was not to be.
So, He put His arms around you and whispered,
“Come unto me”.*

Howard McQueen, affectionately called Pa-Pa was born in Roland, North Carolina on March 22, 1938 to the proud parents of the late Elnora and John Willie McQueen. Pa-Pa was the second oldest of five siblings. The Lord called Pa-Pa to rest on April, 5, 2014.

Howard came to Newark, New Jersey at an early age. He was raised by his great aunt, the late Johnnie Mae Williams. He attended Newark Public School; Cleveland Elementary then went on to Central High School where he graduated with honors. He later became employed at Worthington Pump in East Orange for many years.

Howard later met and married Ada Ruth McQueen and within this union of forty years conceived three children, Tyree, Troy, and Sharonda McQueen. Howard moved on to work at North Jersey District Water Supply Commission in Wanaque, New Jersey until he retired.

“Howard Loved the Life He Lived and Lived the Life He Loved” Family was the most important to him. He took pride in hosting family gatherings where you were treated like family even if you weren’t. From Christmas celebrations to Memorial Day cookouts in the backyard, Howard made you feel loved.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ada Ruth McQueen, son, Tyree McQueen, his sister, Beatrice Wesley, brothers, Michael and William McQueen, and best friend, Robert Thompson.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his sister, Mary Holley, N. Carolina; daughter, Sharonda McQueen, Newark, NJ and Troy McQueen (Bonita “Love”) Paterson, NJ; special longtime companion, Christine Starks; friend of many years, Richard Bradman; sister-in-law, Ida Jones (Robert), and brothers-in-law, Frank and Henry Downing (Patricia); five granddaughters whom he adored, Nicole McQueen-Kemp (Donnel), Latoya Sharp, Adrian, Sakinah, and Nijah McQueen; one great grandson, Tobias Tyree Smith; and a host nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Obituary Sakinah McQueen

Acknowledgements

Poem.....Nijah McQueen

Special Words of Comfort Adrian McQueen

LaToya Sharp

Nicole McQueen-Kemp

Expressions/Remarks

Solo

Eulogy

Viewing

Recessional

Cremation

Fairmount Crematory

620 Central Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

Repast

*Friends are invited to join the family for a repast at
The Salvation Army 669 Springfield Avenue, Newark, NJ.*

Our PaPa

Although he has gone we will always be together
And his spirit will live on in each one of us forever
When you look to the sky, look for the brightest star
As that will be PaPa looking down on us from afar

And now I would like to thank the good Lord above
For blessing us with our PaPa with his kindness and love
Dear God, if it is not too much fuss
Take extra special care of our PaPa as he is very dear to us
PaPa if you are listening say a prayer for us everyday
Be sure to protect us and guide us on our way
We know when God called you, you had to go
But we want you to know PaPa we miss you and love you so.
Your Favorite Grandchildren

He Is Gone

You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived,
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back.
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared,
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on,
You can cry and close your mind be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Lovingly Submitted,
Your Children

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

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