

Celebration of Life
Theodore (Teddy) H. Staley
"Pop-Pop"



Sunrise
June 13, 1933



Sunset
May 29, 2014

Saturday, June 7, 2014 - 10:00 am

The First Park Baptist Church
315 West Seventh Street
Plainfield, NJ 07060
Rev. Rufus McClendon Jr, Pastor

Obituary

Theodore H. “Teddy” Staley was born on June 13, 1933 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was the ninth of thirteen children born to the late Joseph and Daisy (Toliver) Staley. Teddy moved to Newark, NJ., at the age of 16. During his transition he met and married Ruth Pierce, who passed in 1978. Their union was blessed with one son and three daughters.

Teddy was a hard and industrious worker. He believed saving money was a key to financial success. He often told his children “Spend some and save some!” He was notably a man of few words, known for his quick wit and words of wisdom. He often challenged his children to be critical thinkers and independent. He enjoyed life and always encouraged family and friends. He was a mentor to many. His grandchildren and great grandchildren were his treasures. His hospitality was impeccable.

Throughout his life he was a trend setter. In his earlier years Teddy was a vivacious roller skater and was the first among his peers to put zippers on his skates to be the first person on the floor. In the late 1970’s and 80’s he was attracted to motorcycle riding. He was fond of Honda’s. He meticulously decorated his Honda Goldwing saddlebags. Ted was one of the original founding charter members of the Newark Knights Motor Cycle Club.

Ted was employed at several jobs including Pittsburg Paints, an independent taxi owner/driver and a Longshoreman for 36 years, retiring in 2005 a member of the Longshoreman’s Union Local #1233 and Longshoreman’s Retiree Association.

Teddy was an avid bowler for over 40 years. He took the game very seriously while competing in numerous tournaments in various states. He was known to bowl in leagues up to 5 nights a week. Teddy loved to give tips and help others move toward perfection: while he would bowl 2 perfect games. In the early 1980’s he met Elaine “Cookie” Johnson and married in 1995. Through the years he and Cookie bowled together in leagues and tournaments. Until his passing they enjoyed going to sporting events, dinners, hosting barbeques at their home and watching sports in the evenings. Ted was an adventurer, active lover of sports and physical activities. He participated in billiards, fitness center and walking his dog CeCe. He enjoyed watching baseball, basket ball, football and bowling with his wife and family.

Predeceased by his parents, 10 brothers and sisters, his first wife Ruth, and son Stanley, he is survived by his wife of 17 years., Elaine, daughters Patricia A. Staley, Sharen Miller (John), Karen Thomas (Victor), 6 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, sisters Mary E. Staley, Ruth, mother-in-law, Nan Baldwin, sister-in-law Sandra Cooper (Calvin) and a host of loving relatives and friends.

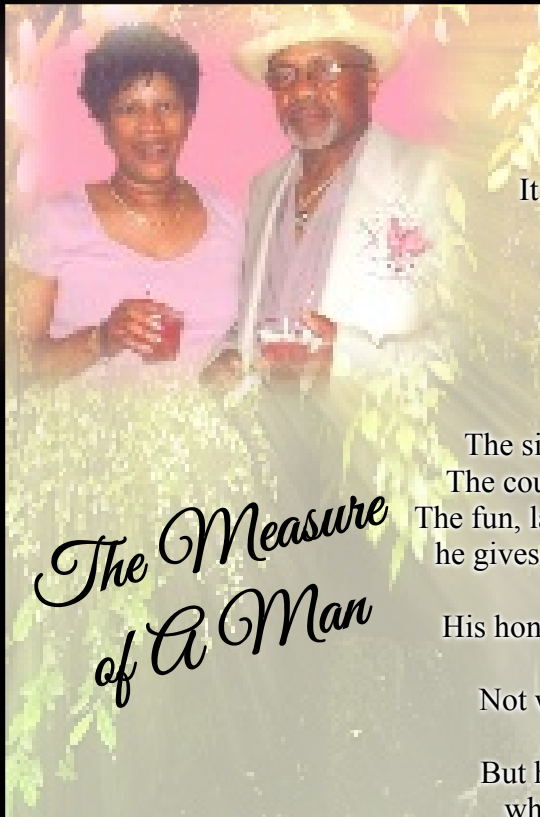
Order of Service

Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Selection.....	Ken Hayes
Scripture Reading.....	Grandchildren Old Testament: Jarrett Miller and Elise Thomas New Testament: Sharee Miller, Corinne Thomas and Jaren Miller
Selection.....	Grandchildren, Mario & Erika Williams
Reflections & Resolutions.....	Jerry Owens Bernard Dudley
Obituary.....	Rev. Florence Peterson
Selection.....	Deacon Larry Lawson
Eulogy.....	Elder John P. Miller Greater New Hope COGIC Fairbanks, AK
Recessional.....	“Going Up Yonder”

Interment

Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Repast after interment:
The First-Park Baptist Church
315 West Seventh Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060



The Measure of A Man

Not how did he die,
but how did he live?
Not what did he gain,
but what did he give?
It is seen rather in terms of
the love he had for his
family and friends.
The strength of his
commitments, The
genuineness of his
friendships,

The sincerity of his purpose,
The courage of his convictions.
The fun, laughter, joy and happiness
he gives to his family and others.

His love of life.

His honesty and contentment for
what he had.

Not what the sketch in the
newspaper say,

But how many were sorry
when he passed away.

The measure of a man. —Anonymous

Pallbearers

Victor Thomas

Larry Staley

Jarrett Miller

Terrence Staley

Shawn Staley

Michael Travis

Acknowledgement

*We the family would like to take this opportunity to express our
sincere appreciation for the thoughtfulness presented to us and
the love we have been given during our time of bereavement.*

May God Bless You.

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