

In Loving  
Memory  
of



# Douglas Pennix

*Sunrise*  
June 3, 1945

*Sunset*  
June 7, 2014

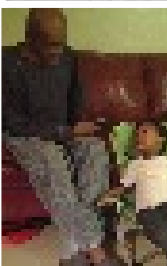
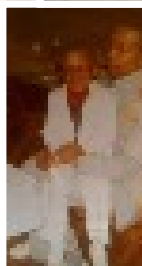
*Saturday, June 14, 2014 - 12:00 Noon*

## **Cotton Funeral Service**

*130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey*

*Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating*

*Emory Lee, Organist*



# Reflections of Life

**Douglas McArthur Pennix** was born on June 3, 1945 in Madison Heights, Virginia . He was the second of five children born to the union of Paul Pennix and Lois Cooper.

Douglas was educated in the Madison Heights public school system. He was a very helpful child and would often talk about the days of picking cotton in the fields with his father. Douglas' father instilled a strong and ambitious drive in him that served as the foundation for the entrepreneurial spirit that he developed.

Douglas' early training helped him to succeed in life. In 1967, Douglas married his best friend Mildred and in the following years were joined with their children, Denise, Jeffrey and Joey. In 1971, after relocating to Orange, New Jersey with the family Douglas opened Pennix Dry Cleaners.

Owning Pennix Dry Cleaners was Douglas' true passion! Dry cleaning made his heart beat and he made sure that he taught his children and grandchildren the business.

In 2006, Douglas married Gertrude Metteaux. After taking care of home and of course pressing all of the clothes, together they would often groove to the smooth melodies of Douglas' favorite artist Jahiem.

Douglas, who was known as "Dougie Fresh" always had swag! He dressed to impress – never without his sharp suits and Stacy Adams. His favorite expressions were – "Hello?", "You feel me?"

Every year, "Dougie Fresh" had a new ride. He loved telling stories about his adventurous life that included

his love for cooking beans and fried potatoes with onions and peppers that he threw down with Popeyes fried chicken and watermelon.

“Dougie Fresh” loved gambling, gardening, New York City, playing cards, road trips and taking his grandchildren to the park. He had a story for every occasion and \$10 for each grandchild every time he would see them.

“Dougie Fresh” was the definition of a TRUE FAMILY MAN. He was genuine! He was loved! And – he will be greatly missed!

On the night of June 7, 2014, God sent one of his angels to assist Douglas with his transition to his heavenly home.

Douglas is predeceased by his father Paul, mother Lois, second mother, Mary Perkins, first wife and longtime friend Mildred, son Marquise Williams and sister Doretha Pennix.

He leaves to cherish his memory wife Gertrude Pennix; children Denise Pennix, Jeffrey Pennix (Haydee), Joey Pennix, Jamal Joyner, Michael Jones; stepdaughter Khadijah Metteaux; grandchildren Nakiyah Pennix, Dwayne Pennix, Tanashia Pennix, Dajour Pennix, Yasaad Pennix, Jevon Pennix, Markia Williams, Makhi Metteaux, Jamal Joyner Jr., Kiana Miller, Tia Miller, Jennifer Banks, Michelle Lewis, Zhane Shelton, Jaquan Jones, Omar Reynolds and Justina Nieves great grandchildren Najih Pennix, Kaliyah Pennix, Nasir Pennix, Nakhi Pennix, Aasir Burroughs; brothers and sister Thomas Pennix Pennix, William Perkins and Shirley Spinner; aunt Rosa Scott and a host of cousins and other relatives and friends.

*We love you! Rest in Peace!*

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Viewing

Committal

Recessional

## **Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey

## I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-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.

*Special thank you to the Jackson and Metteaux families.*

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