

Celebrating the Life of



William Alfred Ervin

Sunrise

August 29, 1938

Sunset

June 29, 2014

Thursday, July 3, 2014 -11:00 a.m.

EBENEZER A.M.E. CHURCH

253 Central Avenue
Rahway, New Jersey

*Rev. Rudolph Gibbs, Sr., Officiating
Rashan Thompson, Organist*

OUR LOVING PATRIARCH

William Alfred Ervin, son of the late William Ervin and Dora Lee Lemon was born August 29, 1938 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. He was called home on Sunday morning, June 29, 2014. William, known in some circles as Bill, Alfred or Shane, spent his early childhood years in Carteret, New Jersey. Bill attended Carteret High School, and enlisted in the United States Air Force where he completed his education.

In 1962, he married his childhood sweetheart Loretta A. Ervin to whom he affectionately called “Lo”. They shared thirty-seven years together until her untimely passing. From that loving union came three beautiful children, Darryl, Marla and Tonya. In 1973, the family moved to Rahway, NJ, where Bill resided throughout the remainder of his years. He was a long time employee of the Ball Glass Company as an Industrial Mechanic. As a result of his dedication and perseverance he became a Journeyman Mechanic. Bill later worked at Rahway Plaza as Head Superintendent, where he organized their first union.

He made a point of excelling at every hobby he participated in; whether it was at drawing or welding figurines. Bill was an avid fisherman. He loved being on the water and received numerous accolades for catching the biggest fish. Bill excelled in bowling for many years. He was also an outstanding pool player. He won several awards and trophies presented by Mayor Wilma Diaz of Perth Amboy for his performances at the Senior Olympic games which included two gold medals and one silver medal.

A lover of jazz music, he enjoyed attending the annual Jazz festivals. A pastime remembered and shared with loving friend and companion, Sheila Gittens.

Our dad will always be remembered for being the life of the party. Some say he missed his calling as a comedian. Through his offbeat sense of humor, he always kept you laughing. He knew no strangers and was well liked by everyone. Dad truly loved his family, and never hesitated to utter those most important words “I love you”.

Bill was predeceased by his wife, Loretta Ann Ervin, by his father, William Ervin, his mom, Dora Lee Lemon, and grandson, Edward Jackson, IV. He is survived by: his son, Darryl Ervin of Keasby, New Jersey; daughter, Marla Jackson with son-in-law, Edward Jackson, III of Clayton, North Carolina; daughter, Tonya Ervin of Clayton, North Carolina; sisters, Miriam Pittman of Texas, Mary Ervin of New Jersey, Barbara Morand of New Jersey; brothers, Leroy Davis of New Jersey, Earnest Ervin of New Jersey; friend, Sheila Gittens of Rahway, New Jersey; six grandchildren, six great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

William Alfred Ervin, will always be honored in our memory as...OUR LOVING PATRIARCH!

Order of Service

Prelude	Raushan Thompson
Opening Hymn	“Blessed Assurance” #450 Stanzas 1,2
Prayer of Comfort	
Prayer Response	“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament - Psalm 23	
New Testament - John 14:1-6	
Solo	Tasha S. Jackson
Acknowledgements	Kevin Tyler
Obituary	Kevin Tyler
Solo	Nayyirah Sims
Eulogy	Rev. Rudolph P. Gibbs
Musical Selection	Raushan Thompson
Benediction	
Postlude	Raushan Thompson

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Rosehill Cemetery Linden, New Jersey</p>

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited for the repast in the church dining hall.

Pall Bearers

Tony Savin	Erwin Perry
Anthony Campbell	Franklin Campbell
Tariq Muhammad	Cleave Reid

A precious one from us gone; a voice we loved is stilled; a place is vacant in our home which can never be filled; God in His wisdom has recalled the gift of His love and though the body slumbers here, the soul is safe in heaven. The family.



Acknowledgements

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, but just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.
The family.

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