

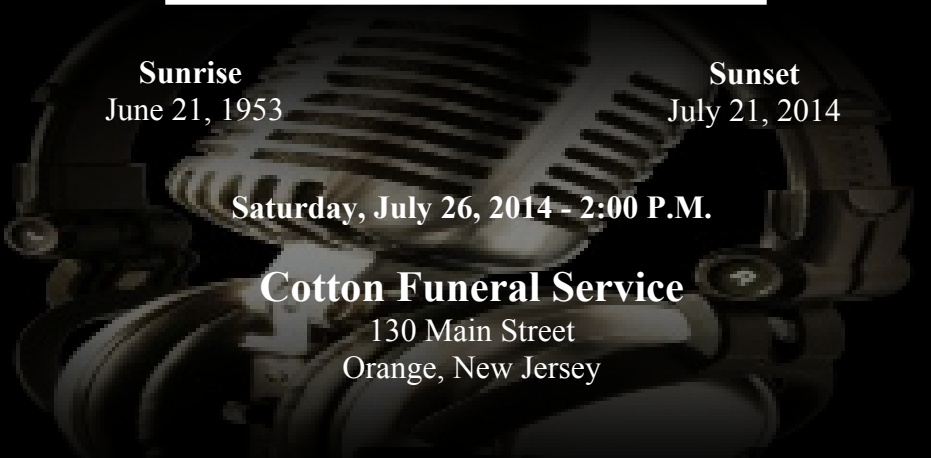


Celebrating the Life of  
Thomas Doyle Harrington



**Sunrise**  
June 21, 1953

**Sunset**  
July 21, 2014



**Saturday, July 26, 2014 - 2:00 P.M.**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street  
Orange, New Jersey

# Obituary

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF **THOMAS DOYLE HARRINGTON**  
SINGER & SONG-WRITER  
SUNRISE 1953 - SUNSET 2014

Thomas Doyle Harrington was the second child born to Delia Geraldine Wise-Harrington and Stacy Howard Harrington on June 21, 1953. He was 61-years of age and departed this life on Monday morning, July 21, 2014.

Tommy, as he was affectionately called spent his formative years between Newark, New Jersey and Washington, D.C., where he received his education while attending numerous schools. He Loved music and was a singer and song-writer with a group in Jersey known as the Kaleidoscope. This was his passion and his heart. He would always send our family CD's of our favorite music....He knew that I liked "Oldies but Goodies" because I always like to hand-dance. He would send my sister Maxine music like, "I did it My Way" by Frank Sinatra and others. This was his way of keeping MUSIC within his reach and making us HAPPY. He was happiest when he was giving something and/or doing for others. He was a "giver".

Tommy was also a jokester. He loved playing jokes on people. He would call me and say, Hey Aunt Berna, I'm on my way to your house, about 30-minutes away .... Would you cook me some pork chops, rice and gravy, collard greens, and corn bread and oh, don't forget the Iced Tea with lemon. You see, I knew this was a joke because you could not get Tommy out of his zip code. Thomas Doyle Harrington was not leaving New Jersey. That's why he is being laid to rest here and not in Washington, D.C.

Tommy loved his family and his friends. He had lots and lots of friends. He had much love for his first cousins who he grew up with in New Jersey and are now living in North Carolina.....Barbara Langston-Phillips, Gloria and Maejolene Langston, and was very close to his best friend for life, Jeffrey Stewart, his special cousin, Michael Roach, and the sister he never had, Hazel Moore.

Tommy had many health challenges to include diabetes, heart and renal- illnesses. He was recently hospitalized at St. Mary's Rehabilitation Facility and discharged a few days ago. He had a way of keeping his illness to himself ...he just didn't want to share this part of his life. To have been such an entertainer and outgoing person, he actually became a loner. In these last years of his life, he stayed to himself... and I think it was because he did not want family and friends to worry about him. He would lead you to believe he was doing just fine, but in reality he was undergoing many health challenges.

Tommy leaves a great memory for us, and we are: His brother, Howard Harrington, his Aunts, Maxine and Bernadette, numerous cousins, and so many friends... to name a few: Ms. Ferguson, Diane, Michael, Donald, Dana, Jeffrey, Beverly, Hazel, Ernest, Dawn, Renee, Philip, Mae, Gloria, Barbara, Robbie, Lisa, Josh, Bubby, Wolf, Michelene, Derky, Sylvia and James, Baby Erin, Baby Lita, Lloyd, Foushee, Pickles and John ... and everyone associated with Kaleidoscope. Tommy's parents Geraldine and Stacy and his baby brother Keith preceded him in death several years ago.

This is a very sad time for all of us, however, it should be a time of JOY, a time of celebrating the transition of his earthly life to his heavenly life. We seem to forget that death is a part of life. We are born into this world to die, and death is not a period, but a comma in the story of life. .... And life is very much like the seasons of the year:


SPRING—represents birth and infancy;

SUMMER—is the productive work season of our life;

FALL — symbolizes the joyous period of retirement from our years of labor, and

WINTER — represents the season of life when we come dormant

I believe that Tommy is not resting in the winter of his life. But just as spring follows winter and as DORMANT tulips bloom, those who die believing in the ALMIGHTY shall live again.



## Order of Service

Opening Hymn  
Organist

Scripture Reading  
Bernadette Tolson, Aunt - Psalm 23rd

Musical Selection

Obituary  
Bernadette Tolson, Aunt

Open Remarks  
Family and Friends

Acknowledgement  
Howard Harrington, Brother  
Maejolene Langston, Cousin

Closing Hymn  
Organist

### **Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

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Our special thanks to his loyal friends, Hazel & Ernest Moore and Jeffrey & Beverly Stewart. Hazel, what would we have done without you! As well as to Fresenius Dialysis on Central Avenue in Orange, New Jersey, and to Allison and Macon of Cotton Funeral Services. We are grateful and we appreciate you.

## **PSALM 23<sup>rd</sup> - A Psalm of David**

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures

He leadeth me beside the still waters

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou  
art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou prepares a tale before me in the presence of  
mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of  
the LORD for ever. AMEN and AMEN

## **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.

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