

163 Oakwood Ave. Orange, NJ 07050

## <u> Obiluary</u>

**Roger Martin Croudy**, was born to William Roger Lewis and Helen Annette Croudy on May 5, 1935 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He entered into eternal life on August 7, 2014.

Roger, who was better known by his family and many friends in Atlantic City as Martin, served in the Marines for a couple of years after graduating from Atlantic City High School. Afterwards he attended drafting school before setting his sights on becoming a barber. When he completed barbering school, Roger became the apprentice of his best friend, Willie Koonce at his Modern Era Barbershop in East Orange, NJ. Once fine-tuning his skills, he perused his goal of opening his own shop. This goal brought him to Plainfield, NJ where he opened New Era Barbers. His business became a well respected establishment on East Second Street and he was an admired and well-loved pillar of the community.

Though he was a dedicated and astute entrepreneur, Roger made time for several free-time passions: photography, the casinos and deep sea fishing. Starting from his high school days he often could be found with a camera in his hands resulting in volumes and volumes of great photos of family and friends. He was a frequent guest of the Atlantic City casinos and for many years he took his annual vacation to Las Vegas. But nothing, except the harshest winds and roughest waters, could keep him from boarding a boat and fishing the deep waters along the east coast shores.

However, Roger's favorite hobby was spending time with family and friends. Roger or Martin as many know him, leaves to cherish his memory are his children, Wanda Croudy, Matin Abdel-Qawi and Dina Croudy; his grandchildren, DeLora, Randal, Umar, Aneesah, Sayyid Ali and Kiara; his brother, Ronald Croudy; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, many dear friends and countless dedicated customers.

## Order of Service

#### Musical Prelude

Hymn of Comfort	
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Alfred Brown
Scripture Reading	Pastor Alfred Brown
Solo	Carmen Brown
Remarks	Willie Koonce, best friend Matin Abdel-Qawi, son Ronald Croudy, brother
Acknowledgements	Aneesah Abdel-Qawi
Obituary	Wanda R. Croudy
Solo	Carmen Brown
Eulogy	Pastor Alfred Brown
Recessional	

### <u>Interment</u>

Graceland Memorial Park Kenilworth, New Jersey

# He Is Gane

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.

-Author unknown

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The family wishes to thank all who have extended support for, spoken a kind word to, or done some act of kindness during their time of bereavement. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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