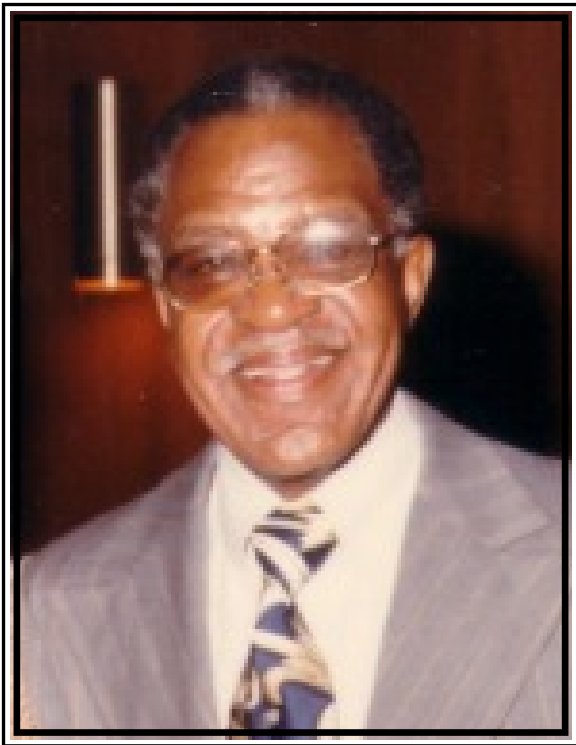


CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
PERCY CORNELUIS YATES SR.

“BUDDY”



Sunrise

December 1, 1920

Sunset

September 19, 2014

Friday, September 26, 2014
Eleven o'clock in the morning

Cotton Funeral Home

130 Main Street
Orange, NJ 07050

Minster Kenneth C. Brown, Officiating

Obituary

Percy Cornelius Yates Sr. was born to the late Douglas Yates and Edna Cole in Nash County, North Carolina on December 1, 1920. After his completion of school, the adventurous young man Percy Sr. moved to Newark, New Jersey where he met and married his first wife Eva Ardell (Walker) Yates. Through this union was born a son, John Douglas Yates, who preceded him in death. Shortly thereafter, Percy Sr. was drafted into United States Army serving overseas during World War II. While serving in the military Percy Sr. lost his first wife to illness. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Newark and found employment as a truck driver.

Shortly thereafter, he met and married his second wife of 55 years, Marion (Martin) Yates, who also preceded him in death. Through this marriage was born a son, Percy Jr. Percy Sr. and Marion settled down and raised their family which also consisted of Marilyn, a daughter from Marion's previous marriage.

Percy Sr. worked as a chemical class "A" mechanic for over 30 Years. He was employed for over 25 years with the Chemical Waste Management Company and retired from there in 1985. Percy Sr. was a man who loved working with his hands, and was often called upon by friends and family for his mechanical services. He was always ready to offer a listening ear; although he was a man of few words, when he spoke people listened. He loved sharing his life experience and often talked about growing up in the south and his tour of duty overseas. He enjoyed watching baseball and his favorite team was the New York Mets.

Percy Sr. was a God fearing man. He had a great sense of humor and never held a grudge. He was very supportive of his children. He was proud of his family and loved us very much. He was a good man and a great father.

Percy Sr. departed this life peacefully on September 19, 2014 at Lyons Veteran's Hospital. He leaves to cherish his memory one daughter, Marilyn Hill, one son Percy Yates Jr., son-in-law, Fletcher Hill, two sisters-in-laws, Catherine Yates, Laura Ryals and one brother-law James Debose Sr. His cherished grandchildren are Linda, Terrence, Darren, Troy, Tylean, Tonya, Taigi, Nafessa and Jamel. "Grand Dad" Yates legacy will forever live on through his 15 great-grand-grandchildren, 3 great, great- grandchildren and a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Order of Service

Processional..... Musical Selections

Invocation..... Minister Michael White
East Orange Church of Christ, East Orange, NJ

Welcome..... Minister Kenneth C. Brown
Church of Christ Chancellor Ave., Newark, NJ

Musical Selection..... Margaret Womack
Apostolic Outreach Ministry

Scripture Reading..... 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 by John Kaniecki
Church of Christ Chancellor Ave., Newark, NJ

Prayer of Comfort..... Roy Johnson
Newark Church of Christ, Newark, NJ

Musical Selection..... Donnell Carr
Echo Lake Church of Christ, Westfield, NJ

Poem of Comfort..... My Father by John Kaniecki, Poet

Reading of the Obituary..... Linda Yates Johnson

Reflections..... Friends and Family

Eulogy..... Minister Kenneth C. Brown
Church of Christ Chancellor Ave., Newark, NJ

Recessional..... Musical Selections

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
1137 North Broad St.
Hillside, New Jersey

*Friends are invited to join family for repast at:
Echo Lake Church of Christ
419 Springfield Avenue • Westfield, New Jersey 07090*

Only God Can Make a DAD

He does it every time He puts into the heart
of a father a special warmth and gentleness,
A capacity to enjoy life, and a desire to be with
children because he delights in watching them grow...

Only God can make a dad who admits
his mistakes and forgives others...

Who cheers his kids on, builds them up until
they can stand on their own again...

Only God can make a dad who shares their laughter,
dries their tears, and always keeps on loving...

And those who have a dad find that every now
and then they just have to stop and whisper,
"Thank You GOD" because, in their hearts,
they know that only God can make dad.



Pall Bearers:

Terrence Hill, Troy Hill, Anthony Johnson,
Jamel Yates, Tim Crumpler, Obie Ryals

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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