# Celebrating The Life of



# Leroy Fridy

Sunrise

January 25, 1937

Sunset

February 27, 2015

### Wake/Viewing

Wednesday, March 4, 2014 - 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Perry Funeral Home 34 Mercer Street • Newark, NJ

### Funeral Services

Thursday, March 5, 2015 - 11:00 A.M.

The Kingdom Experience

665-667 South 11th Street • Newark, New Jersey Pastor Clarence L. Smith, Jr., Officiating

## **Obituary**

**Leroy Fridy** was born unto T.C. McKinney and Alline Fridy on January 25, 1937 in Chesnee, South Carolina. Leroy was educated in the Chesnee Public School System, graduating from Foster Grove High School in Chesnee, South Carolina. He departed this life February 27, 2015 at Lyons VA Hospital in Lyons, New Jersey.

**Leroy** was very independent and driven. Right out of high school he was motivated and smart enough to enter not just any military outfit, but the United States Air Force! Leroy entered into the U.S. Air Force in 1956 and concluded his term in 1960 with an Honorable Discharge. During that time, some members of his family had navigated to the New York/New Jersey area and he decided to make New Jersey his new home to be close to them. He quickly became gainfully employed at National Starch and Chemical Company in Bloomfield, NJ, where he retired as a Foreman and Vice President of their Union.

Leroy met and married his wife, Marva Fridy. Although she was much younger than him, he saw her maturity and strength and thus pursued her. He pursued a woman who at the time was a single mother (not easy), gained her heart and demanded that she no longer needed a babysitter. Leroy wanted to earn the love of her daughter also, and to do this she was invited on every date. Her daughter was easily persuaded with a bucket of chicken and /or pizza no matter what their plans were! He immediately took on the father-figure role, and did it so well that he was pressed by his daughter, Michelle, to give her a sister (not a brother) and thus kept his promise with the birth of Monica. This poor man now had to live with three head-strong women who were all just like him in one household. His outlets became spending time with his friends and watching the horse races at the Meadowlands. Leroy also enjoyed working on cars, reading the paper, watching political news, all types of sports, spending time with his grandchildren and debating to pass the time.

Leroy Fridy leaves behind: his beloved wife, Marva Fridy; his two daughters, Michelle and Monica; three grandchildren, Bryant, Jeffrey and Mya; mother-in-law, Cassie; sisters, Mattie Louise Young (Ben), Drucilla Gardner, Mary Lee Oglesby and Pearl Gaffney, all of Chesnee, SC; eight nieces, Stacy Gardner, Monique Phillips, Jacko McKinney, Linda Smith (Lawrence), Barbara Dunn (Rocky), Vicky McIntire (Ryan), Tammy Hughes, and Erica Gaffney; four nephews, Vernon McKinney (Elizabeth), Hayward McKinney, James McKinney (Verdell) and Bobby Oglesby; and a host of cousins and many, many friends and acquaintances.

**Leroy** loved his family and wanted everyone to just be good to one another and he would take care of all the rest. Now what's done is done, all is taken care of, and He can now rest.

Leroy Fridy will sincerely be missed by all.

## <u>Order of Service</u>

Organ Prelude	Donovan Jackson
Processional	Clergy & Family
Prayer of Comfort	Deacon Timothy Mason
Hymn of Comfort	Kimberly Calhoun
Scripture Readings Old Testament - Psalm 23 New Testament - John 14:1-6	
Prayer	Pastor Clarence L. Smith, Jr.
Solo	Kimberly Calhoun
Acknowledgements and Condolence	es
Obituary Reading	Michelle Dunson
Eulogy	Pastor Clarence L. Smith, Jr.
Final Viewing	
Recessional	

## <u>Interment</u>

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery Wrightstown, New Jersey

Repast immediately following

# "Closed Eyes Aren't Always Sleeping"

It is only for a while that we will be apart So, treasure our memories within your heart it is only the body that wears down and tires but the love we shared and the Spirit never expires just know I am with you, watching even as you are weeping and believe me when I say "Closed Eyes Aren't Always Sleeping"

> Repast Reception Kingdom Experience Church 665-667 South 11th Street Newark, New Jersey



## Acknowledgements

Thank you all for your prayers, for visiting and keeping the family in your thoughts during this time of bereavement.

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