

*In Loving Memory of*

*Alvin Lofton*

Steelers



**Sunrise**  
October 8, 1949

**Sunset**  
March 13, 2015

Saturday, March 21, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

**Bishop Barbara Glanton, Officiating**

## *Obituary*

**Alvin Lofton** was the first born to the late Alvina Lofton and Halansco Maynard on October 8, 1949 in Newark, NJ.

He attended Avon Elementary School; Clinton Place Jr. High and Weequahic High School. It was at Weequahic he joined a work study program and became a Jeweler Apprentice for Jabel Company in Irvington, NJ at the age of 15. He later became a jeweler for the company and was employed for over 39 years.

During this time Al met and married his high school sweetheart Mary H. Keys in 1969. This union created two beautiful children Belinda M. Lofton (Bay) and Dorian A. Lofton (Boe).

Alvin was not your average young male. He was raised by two strong Black women his mother and grandmother. He helped raise his five brothers and sisters. At the age of 24 he purchased his first house and moved his family, his mother, grandmother, brothers and sisters into it. Yes he supported two families at this time in his life.

After several years of marriage he divorced and in 1988 he married his loving wife of 27 years Claudia Dues. In this marriage Alvin welcomed a step daughter Rachel Dues.

Al enjoyed and loved life. This was the Pittsburgh Steelers #1 fan. He also loved to fish and hunt. But most of all he Loved his Family.

He is preceded in death by his mother Alvina Lofton, father Halansco Maynard, grandmother Mary Lofton, brother Marvin Lofton, and father in law John Montgomery.

Our Alvin was called home on March 13, 2015. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Claudia Lofton; his step-daughter Rachel Dues; daughter Belinda M. Lofton; son Dorian A. Lofton; sisters Amber Lofton, Ember Lofton Nicholson; brothers Calvin Lofton, Kenneth M. Lofton; grandson Terae S. Lofton; granddaughters Araya N. Dixon, Kyasia E. Lofton; daughter-in-law Robin C. Lofton; first wife Mary H. Lofton; first mother-in-law A. Keys; sister-in-laws Kim Lofton, Dora Freeman, Terry Grange; brother-in-laws Aaron Nicholson, John Montgomery; and a host of nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Prayer.....Bishop Barbara Glanton

Selection.....Jeanette Johnson

Scripture Reading.....Barbara Glanton

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Araya N. Dixon

Selection.....Jeanette Johnson

Tributes .....(Limited to 2 Minutes)

Obituary

Eulogy.....Bishop Barbara Glanton

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Hollywood Memorial Park  
Union, New Jersey

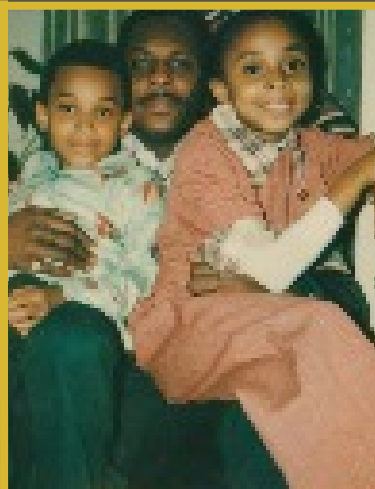
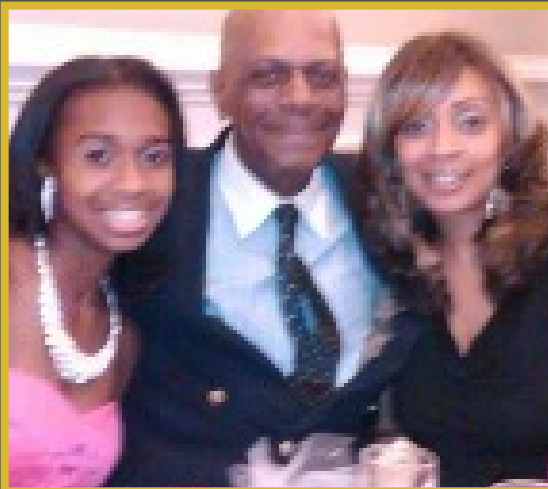
## **Repast**

Masonic Lodge #24  
221 Oswald Place, Vauxhall, NJ



# *Precious*





# *Memories*





## *OUR FATHER, OUR BEST FRIEND*

You were so many things to so many people.  
But to me you were everything.

Our father our confidant, our best friend  
The literal wind beneath our wings.

You protected us and watched us grow.  
You taught us what strength really looks like.  
You showed us how to stand up and fight.  
You impacted wisdom to us  
That words cannot measure.

The time we spent together  
We will always treasure.

Now Rest Easy Knowing that you did your job.  
For you was not only an awesome person,  
But a wonderful Father!

Love,  
Boe & Bay



## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

## *Acknowledgement*

The Family of the Late **Alvin Lofton** Wishes to Acknowledge with Our Sincerest Appreciation Any and All Acts of Kindness Shown during Our Time of Bereavement. Thank You and May God Continue to Bless You!  
The Family

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