

In Loving Memory of

LeRoy "Lee" Rogers, Jr.

Sunrise

April 27, 1951

Sunset

March 19, 2015

Service

Friday, March 27, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating

Obituary

LeRoy “Lee” Rogers, Jr. was born on April 27, 1951 in Newark, New Jersey to the late LeRoy Rogers, Sr. and the late Dorothy Booker Clark. In addition to the love and support of his parents, Lee was mutually reared by his late grandparents, Wilson Booker and Eulalia Vivian Booker (lovingly known as Lair).

Lee attended the Newark Public School System and graduated from Weequahic High School in 1970. He was employed by General Motors for over thirty years and retired as a repairman.

Lee was married to the lovely Darlene Jones on December 21, 1990. They later divorced, but remained good friends.

In his pre-high school years, Lee went by the name “Butchie”, a name given to him by his late great aunt, Geraldine Lockery. He then later decided that he wanted to be called Lee, as he was so affectionately known. He was identified as an extravagant dresser with an impeccable style that was second to none. He was also known for his coolness that distinguished him from most.

Lee had an insatiable love for the game of basketball and was noted for his sharp shooting and astute basketball skills. He enjoyed attending high school football and basketball games. Upon his retirement, he enjoyed spending time volunteering and working with children at the Rahway Recreation Center in Rahway, New Jersey. He also became an avid long distance walker and would regularly be seen walking the streets of his town at an invigorating pace.

LeRoy “Lee” Rogers departed this life on Thursday, March, 19, 2015 in his home in Avenel, New Jersey after his courageous battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his father, Leroy Rogers, Sr.; his mother, Dorothy Booker Clark; his step-father, Marcus Clark, Sr.; his sister, Elaine (The Warden) Rogers; and his brothers, Raymond (Baby Ray) Rogers and Melvin Clark.

Lee leaves to cherish his loving memories: one daughter, Doretha Kee; one son-in-law, Michael Kee; one son, Travis Rogers; one brother, Marvin Clark; one sister-in-law, Felicia Clark; four sisters, Rosalind, Michelle, Lorraine and Yvonne Clark, six grandchildren; special friends, John Drummer, Mike Baker, and Darlene Jones; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Processional and Viewing

Organ Prelude

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings Tonya L. Burney-Jones

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - I Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18

Musical Selection

Poem Gwendolyn Thomas

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Reflections

Obituary Sharon Oglesby

Musical Selection

Eulogy Rev. Edward Allen

Philemon Missionary Baptist Church • 246 Shephard Ave., Newark, NJ 07112

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

Repast

Metropolitan Baptist Church • 149 Springfield Ave., Newark, NJ 07103

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!

Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of LeRoy Rogers

Acknowledgement

The family of **LeRoy Rogers** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this, our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

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