

*In Loving
Memory
of*



John Whitehead

Sunrise
July 13, 1929

Sunset
March 26, 2015

Service

Saturday, April 4, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. J. G. McCann, Sr., Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

“Whitehead” as he was affectionately called by his friends and family was born on July 13, 1929, in Milan, Georgia. The youngest of two children of Rosetta and John Cornelius Whitehead - for whom he was named after. His eldest sister, Evelyn recalls John being a lively and energetic boy. And he would continue to live his life that way until the time of his passing.

From a young age John showed fierce determination to live life as he pleased. Moving from Georgia to New York at the age of 17, John quickly picked up available work at restaurants as a busboy, washer, etc. later finding work in factories. He began working at Hudson Bay Fur Company for 30 years eventually becoming a supervisor. There he also became a delegate where he represented employees rights until he retired. He became a businessman at a young age.

He met his great love Gladys Simmons at age 22. They married soon after and proceeded to live the rest of their lives together - for over 62 years. They raised two young daughters together, Linda and Shelia. And welcomed a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. He and Gladys traveled the world together, made a beautiful home in which they hosted Holiday festivities, and loved each other very much. Together they took care of Gladys' sister Beatrice when her health began to fail until her passing. And Whitehead lovingly took care of his wife as she needed until his own health began to fail and he was unable to continue to do so.

Whitehead was kind, sincere, joyous and spirited! Everyone who knew him could appreciate his easy smile and his ability to debate with anyone on most subjects - a skill that was useful for his delegate as well as business positions. He was very welcoming and made everyone at ease. His family and friends knew Whitehead as a lively, energetic and loving person.

John Cornelius Whitehead loved his family. Left to cherish his memories are: his wife, Gladys and their daughter, Linda; his eldest sister, Evelyn; granddaughters, Michelle and Cherrice; great grandchildren, Shane, Chevin, Tevin, Ralph, Tiffany and Rheyana; and three great great grandchildren; his niece, Cynthia; nephew, Larry and his wife, Verneda; his grand niece, Shaneeka; and great grand niece, Jordan Emily; as well as a host of cousins and other family members.

***Mourn the light that has dimmed - but hasn't diminished.
Rejoice in the life he lived and love he shared with us***

Order of Service

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Scripture Readings

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

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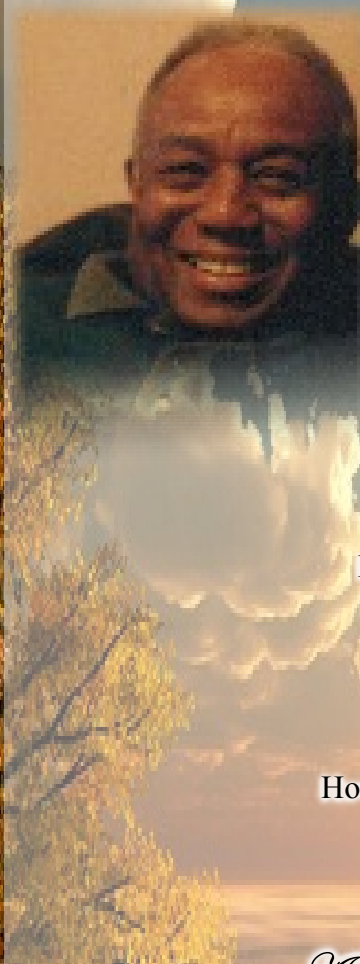
Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Mt. Rest Cemetery
Butler, New Jersey



Invictus (Unconquered)

by William Ernest Henley

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the Shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me, unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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