Celebrating The Life

Percival Phipps

Sunrise December 4, 1947 **Sunset** *May 2, 2015*

Saturday, May 9, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

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163 Oakwood Avenue Orange, New Jersey 07050 *Bishop Lloyd Faulknor, Officiating*

Ob<u>ituary</u>

Percival Phipps was born in Jamaica, West Indies, to the late Consetta Henry Edwards and William Boisey Phipps. Percy attended Sligoville All Age School and after graduating he was trained as a carpenter in Kingston, Jamaica. He was the first born of thirteen kids to the late Consetta.

Percy is survived by a host of brothers and sisters on both mother and father side. Four of his brothers has predeceased him.

Currently living in Jamaica are brothers, Vincent Edwards, Herman Edwards, Cliffton Edwards, Daniel Golding, and one sister, Lella Edwards. In the U.S.A he has three sisters, Mrs. Lynett Hanson, Mrs. Lillian Bennett, and Mrs. Roselyn Morrison. On his father side, Percy survived by sisters, Sandra, Winsome, Faithlyn, and Maxine, brothers, Rupert, Derrick, Owen, Dennis and Allan, Percy is also survived by eight kids, six girls and two boys, Mrs. Joann Powell the eldest child, Janice Phipps, Craig Phipps, Stella Phipps, Selena Phipps, Mariah and Alrick all living in the U.S.A and Maxine Phipps who resides in Jamaica, eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Percy migrated from Jamaica to the U.S.A in the mid 70's, he lived and worked in New Jersey at 247 South Clinton, East Orange, NJ where he owned and operated his own business known as Rough House Construction. Percy met and married Cherl Boatright shortly after settling in NJ. While the union didn't last it produced two lovely girls, Stella and Selena. After separating from Cherl, he met his long time partner and best friend, Marcella Wheeler. They both moved to Florida where they lived for many years Marcella predeceased him in June 2014.

A lover of music, he was an excellent guitar player. Where ever he traveled he would always bring his guitar with him. Percy was a jovial, happy person, never sad, always telling his jokes. Whenever you're around Percy he always makes you laugh. The most precious thing about Percy was his MEEKNESS, always humble, always the peace maker, you would never hear Percy in a quarrel with anyone. Very mild mannered man, never forget to say thank you, or yes mam, or no sir. He was a wonderful role model to his siblings, kids and grandchildren.

While living in Florida, Percy suffered a heart attack and underwent quadruple bypass, shortly after which his kidneys failed and he had to depend on dialysis for almost ten years. Percy also battled diabetes of which he developed Diabetic Neuropathy, this causes him to loose almost sixty percent of his vision as well as hearing loss. His fingers became sensitive because of the disease process he was unable to play his guitar. This was a sad and sensitive issue for Percy because his guitar was his second best friend. He was battling high blood pressure as well. Due to ill health he had to move back to New Jersey in 2008, where he lived under the loving care of his daughter, Joan Powell since then.

During this time Percy was visited by kids and grandchildren, and sisters living in the surrounding areas. After battling Renal failure and going to dialysis three days a week, for almost ten years, the disease started to take a toll on his body. He started to become very weak, his legs could barely carry him. His body was ravaged by all his illnesses. Percy fought a good and daring battle. During all of his ordeals, Percy never complained. He took it all with stride. He was hospitalized Thursday, April 30th, 2015 and passed away in the hospital peacefully May 2nd, 2015.

Percy Fought a Good Fight, He Finished His Course And Kept His Faith. Percy will be sadly missed by all.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Clergy and Family Entrance
Seating of the Family	The Funeral Director
Hymn of Comfort	"How Great Thou Art"
	Sister, Roselyn Son, Givonie (Craig) Phipps
Prayer of Comfort	Bishop Lloyd Faulknor
Musical Selection	Daughter, Joan Powell
Eulogy	Daughter, Selena Phipps
Reflections	Family and Friends (2mins Please)
Selection	"I'm Free"
Sermon	
Solo	Tyrone Dunlap

Committal

Recessional.....Clergy and Family "No Grave Cannot Hold My Body Down"

> <u>Cremation (Private)</u> Rosedale Crematory Orange, New Jersey

Repast

First United Tabernacle 425 South Jefferson Street • Orange, New Jersey

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me To be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow Of smiles when day is done. I'd like to leave an echo Whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing times And bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve To dry before the sun Of happy memories that I leave behind, When the day is done.

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgement

The Phipps family would like to express sincere appreciation to all for the love, prayers, support and comforting words at our time of sorrow.....God Bless you all.

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