

A Celebration of Life for
John L. Reid



Sunrise
April 22, 1940

Sunset
May 9, 2015

Friday, May 15, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ 07112
Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr., Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist

Order of Service

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

“Precious Lord”

Remarks

(Two minutes please)

Acknowledgements, Condolences and Resolutions

Obituary

Selection

“Oh Happy Day”

Eulogy

Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Repast

Flaming Grill and Buffet
1701 West Edgar Rd. • Linden, NJ

Obituary

John Lewis Reid was born on April 22, 1940 in Martinsville, Virginia and left peacefully on May 9, 2015 in Newark, NJ.

As a young teen, John acquired many talents which all contributed to the man that he was. He went to bible camp in the summers and almost became a minister. He learned wood crafting and carpentry and was a very good baseball and basketball player in high school. As a young man, John also enjoyed drag racing cars with his cousins and buddies on back roads in Virginia. A few years after graduation, he moved to Newark, NJ to be near his sister and other relatives that had moved from the south to the north. John often made weekend trips from Newark to Virginia and it was during one of those visits where he met his wife, Elsie Mattie Reid. John and Elsie married in 1963 and she too moved to Newark to join him and start a life together. They had two children; daughter, Lorna Reid and son, Anthony Reid that they raised in a lovely home in Hillside, NJ.

During his adult life, John was a jack of all trades. He sold real estate for a short time, was an entrepreneur owning and operating a convenience store – The Corner Variety Store - with his family for over ten years. But it was his handcrafted kitchen cabinets, upholstery, custom built pool tables and redesigning bathrooms and kitchens where he left his legacy in many clients homes and Diners with his Reid's General Contractor business.

John taught his children and grandson about integrity, working hard and creating your own path. He loved to look his dapper best when he stepped out. He liked to joke around and make people laugh and was known to be an outspoken man. He always made sure everyone was having a good time.

Recent years, he spent most of his time retired and driving through the park. John enjoyed simple things like reading the daily newspaper, watching the news, talking to friends and family on the phone, staying up on the latest sports trivia and playing an occasional pick-it. He loved sports – NASCAR racing, watching basketball, baseball and the Dallas Cowboys was his favorite football team.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Dolfred Reid and Sarah Penn Reid, brother; Jimmy Reid and sister; Mamie Dozier.

John leaves to celebrate his life: wife, Elsie Mattie Reid; his children, Lorna Reid, Anthony Reid and his grandson, Tremayne Reid; a host of family members to name a few; nephews, Ralph Reid of Kansas City, MO, Dolfred Dozier, Jr, Eric Dozier, Tracey Dozier of Florida and a few special friends.

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Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.
-author unknown*

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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