



**CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
ORLANDO KENNETH PERRY, JR.**

SUNRISE
March 15, 1965

SUNSET
August 2, 2015

SERVICE
Saturday, August 8, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

ISRAEL MEMORIAL A.M.E. CHURCH
54 Lincoln Street • Newark, New Jersey
Elder Tywana Lewis, Officiating

LIFE'S JOURNEY

PSALM 34: 19

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.”

In the Beginning: **Orlando Kenneth Perry, Jr.** was born March 15, 1965 in Somerville, New Jersey to Virginia Arnold Perry and the late Orlando K. Perry, Sr.

Childhood Memories: **“Kenny”**, as he was affectionately known, enjoyed a happy childhood with sisters, Nancy and Tracey. He had a pleasant disposition and made friends easily. Among those dearest to him were his lifelong friends, Earl Dorsey and Otell Shemaly. **Kenny** was musically inclined and this little group of youngsters formed a band and gave musical shows at St. Benedict’s School auditorium. Otell was on guitar, Tracey on tambourine, Nancy sang and **Kenny** played the drums.

School Days: **Kenny** attended Quitman Elementary School and St. Mary’s Elementary School in Newark, NJ. He then went on to South Orange Junior High School and graduated from Columbia High School in Maplewood, NJ. He also attended Shaw University in Raleigh, NC, Essex County College and Bloomfield College.

Work History: Being born into a funeral home family, **Kenny** assumed his role early in the family business. He worked with the staff making removals, transporting equipment, assisting families and doing various tasks around the funeral home. He was always upbeat and willing to do his share of work. He was a favorite among the staff and they were very fond of him. His interest in computer science was instrumental in introducing computer technology to the Funeral Home, saving many hours of manual labor.

Pastimes: **Kenny** had many special talents. He had artistic and musical abilities. He had great culinary skills. He was an avid history buff and was very knowledgeable with current events, not only in the country, but in the world as well. Leisure time was spent watching football and basketball with his family. A requirement was that everyone in the house should root for his teams, the Dallas Cowboys and the Indiana Pacers! (They didn’t always win and somebody became a sore loser!) Watching John Wayne Cowboy flicks and listening to Rock and Roll music gave **Kenny** great pleasure. He enjoyed traveling in the USA and abroad, and he looked forward to going to the National Funeral Director’s Conventions held in different cities, such as Dallas, Chicago, Orlando, Las Vegas and Los Angeles, with his folks each year. An opportunity of a lifetime came when his friend, Otell invited him to meet his family in Liberia, West Africa.

Family Life: Love was in the air for **Kenny** when he asked his childhood sweetheart and friend for her hand in marriage. She consented and they were married May 29, 2004 at First Baptist Church in South Bound Brook, NJ. He became father (not step-father!) to his son, Andrew Cohen-Fraser, who was four years old. **Kenny** embraced his role as father and treasured the time he spent with Andrew. He was so serious that the couple spent their honeymoon at Disney World with Andrew as the main attraction!

Final Setting: **Kenny** committed his life to Christ as a young child by joining and being baptized at First Baptist Church in South Bound Brook, NJ. He understood God’s saving grace and mercy. During his time of sickness his faith was re-kindled and on his sick bed, he repeatedly testified that “Jesus is Lord.” Truly, it was well with his soul when he passed away in the early morning hours on Sunday, August 2, 2015 at Alaris Health Care Center in Cedar Grove, NJ.

Kenny was predeceased by his father, Orlando K. Perry, Sr. (Boot), his grandparents, Rev. Hudy L. Perry and Bessie Mae Crews Perry, Elder Robert L. Arnold and Lucy Arnold.

Orlando K. Perry, Jr. leaves to celebrate his life: his beloved and faithful wife, DeAnna Cohen-Perry; his dear son, Andrew Cohen-Fraser; his beloved mother, Virginia A. Perry; two loving sisters, Nancy Perry Velez and Elizabeth T. Perry Tisdale; mother-in-law, Alice McCants; sister-in-law, Sharon Cohen; brothers-in-law, Dorian Tisdale, Rev. Curtis Cohen (Linda), Min. Ralph Cohen (Sirvoella) and Rev. Alphonso Cohen (Janet); and a host of aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and the Perry Funeral Home Staff.

*Lovingly submitted,
The Family*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Denise Tolbert

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Minister Ralph Cohen

New Testament.....Reverend Alphonso Cohen

Selection.....Frierson Singers

Remarks.....Rev. Dr. Perneatha Sherman

Joyce Hodge (N.C. Cousin)

Tracey Tisdale (Sister)

Angela Velez (Niece)

Acknowledgements / Obituary.....Miss Gwen Crews

Selection

Eulogy.....Rev. Curtis Cohen

Cush Worship and Deliverance Temple

Parting View

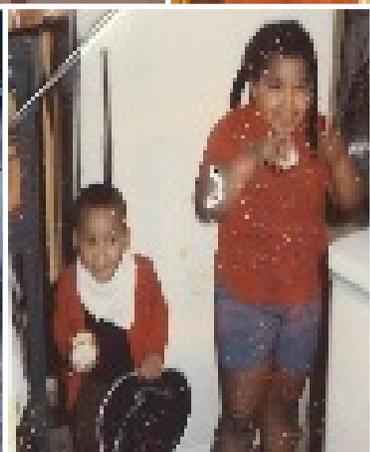
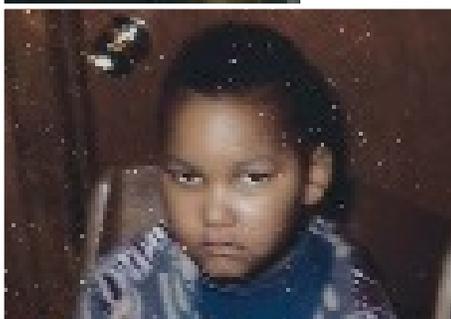
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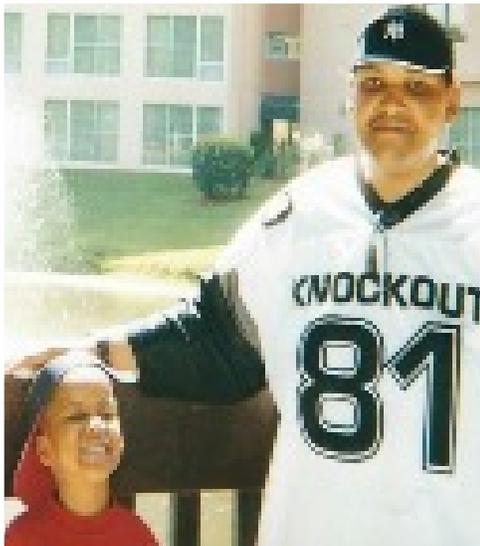
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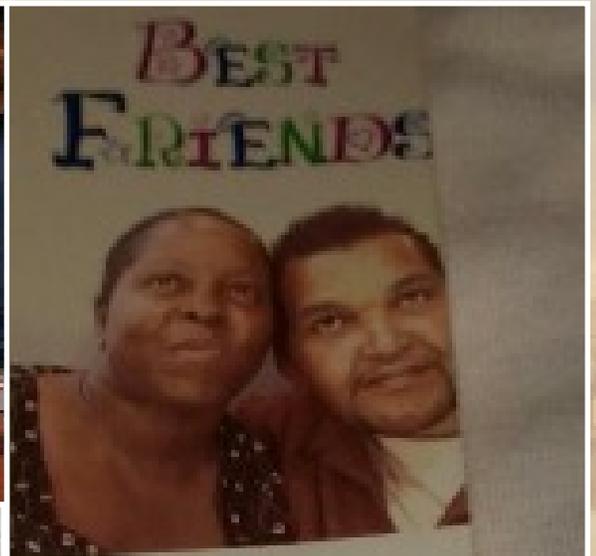
Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

Following the Interment, friends are invited back to the church to join the Family for the repast.









HE IS GONE

*You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived,
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see that he has left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see him.
Or, you can be full of the love that you shared,*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on,
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he would want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The Family of the Late **Orlando K. Perry, Jr.** wishes to express their grateful appreciation for the care rendered during his time of illness by the Medical Staff of UMDNJ, Alaris Health Care Facility, and his Home Health Aide, Miss Johnson.*

Sincere thanks for all deeds of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended during this time of bereavement.

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