Celebrating The Life of

James H. Gregory

Sunrise February 19, 1927

Sunset January 3, 2016



Saturday, January 9, 2016 - 9:30 a.m.

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163 Oakwood Avenue Orange, New Jersey 07050

Dr. Byron E. Lennon, Sr. Officiating Myron Smith, Organist

<u>Obituary</u>

James Herman Gregory was born on February 19, 1927 to the late Venable and Bertha M. Gregory in Newark, NJ. James was described as a good kid during his childhood years. He liked to play basketball and listen to music.

James entered the Arm Services on August 8, 1944. He fought during World War II and was discharged from the service on June 21, 1946. He also received a World War II Victory Medal.

If you can describe this man with one word it would be God fearing. He would spend time praying with children and family in order to bring them closer to God. He was very protective of his wife, children and family. He was simply legendary. His legacy will live on for many years through generations that he created. He was a classic man and fine dresser of good taste. True to his generation, he wore suites and shoes and listened to baseball and football on the AM radio. James also had a love for music, Jazz, blues and old school R&B. He also grew fond of hip hop especially the song Many Men by 50 cent. He enjoyed Saturday outings with his lovely wife, Geraldean. James made sure he had a connection with all family members. He was a well known business man and built a business with his wife and family.

James was not a perfect man never claimed to be. He invoked thoughts and at times he would make you want to explode with laughter, anger and even tears. This man was perplexed and sometimes even complicated. He gave all of us a unique love and stern love that only he could give. Today we celebrate him for surviving for almost ninety years as a black man who raised his self to be successful. Whatever your definition of him is, just know he was LOVED!

James leaves to mourn: his wife, Geraldean Gregory; his children, Denise Clyburn, Darryl Gregory, Zakia Gregory-McKnight, Gregg Nasir James Gregory and Jason Gregory; grandchildren, Shanicka Richardson-Thompson, Darrian and Marquse Clyburn, David, Taylor and Rylee McKnight, Tashera Webb, Keith (deceased), Shanta, Latasha, Najah, Zhanea, Damond and Darryl Gregory; thirty great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

From all of us we love you and miss you POP POP, R.I.P

Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Seating of The Family
Selection"I'll Take You There"
Prayer of Comfort
Hymn of Comfort"Amazing Grace"
Scripture Readings Old Testament - Psalm 19 th Latasha Gregory New Testament - John 14:1-6
Solo
RemarksFamily and FriendsTwo Minutes Please
Acknowledgements and ResolutionsJalah Carlisle
Obituary
SoloTyrone Dunlap
Eulogy
Final Viewing
Recessional"I'll Always Love You"Clergy and Family

<u>Interment</u>

Glendale Cemetery 28 Hoover Avenue Bloomfield, New Jersey

Repast

Immediately following the Interment family and friends are invited for a repast at
The Suite Spot
695 Bloomfield Avenue • Montclair, 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

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of **James H. Gregory** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

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