

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Joe Louis Strickland*



*Sunrise: September 2, 1940 - Sunset: June 7, 2016*

*Service*

*Sunday, June 12, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.*

**Cotton Funeral Service**  
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ 07112  
*Reverend Jonah Nixon, Officiating*  
*Charles McElveen, Organist*



*Precious Memories*



## Obituary

*“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die...” - Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 ASV*

### *A Time to Be Born*

**Joe Louis Strickland “JS”**, was born in Nash County, North Carolina on September 2, 1940 to Fest and Mary Hazel Strickland.

### *A Time to Learn*

Joe graduated from Spaulding High School in Spring Hope, NC. He was committed to learning and exploring his love of drawing, photography and music. He even played the saxophone.

### *A Time to Love*

Joe married Willie Mae Brinkley. From that union, Sharon, Joseph and Dexter were born. The family later relocated from NC to NJ. Joe enjoyed family outings. He welcomed with open arms the precious moments spent with his grandchildren. He followed closely the UNC Basketball Team where his grandson, Dexter “Terez” Strickland played.

### *A Time for Every Purpose Under the Sun*

Joe was an entrepreneur. He was a very ambitious and hard worker. At a young age, he owned and was the only driver of his Cab Co. He was also employed at Wilbert B. Driver Co. for many years as a Machine Operator. Later he was employed and later retired from Reheis Chemical.

Joe had a full life. In September of 1988, Joe joined the New Hope Baptist Church, East Orange under the late Rev. Leonidas B. Young, II. He served under Pastor Dwight D. Gill on the Joint Usher Board. He also faithfully served on the Back Pack for The Homeless Ministry. He was a man well traveled. He crossed the US – Baltimore, MD, New

Orleans, LA, and Las Vegas, NV are just a few of the many places his footsteps and imprints were made. He traveled to the beautiful Caribbean Islands. He even ventured to the continent of Africa; specifically Johannesburg, South Africa. Joe enjoyed barbecuing, cooking fish, entertaining, being socially active, and especially the “chi-ching” at the casinos. Joe enjoyed hosting bus trips to Atlantic City and Bethlehem, PA. He had a great love for his brothers. Brother Strickland was a distinguished Past Master at St. James Lodge #61 F&AM, PHA located in Newark, New Jersey where he served for over thirty-five years. Joe lived life with vigor and enthusiasm. Never waiting or meandering. Joe would often take the bus locally or on the interstate or get on the Amtrak if he wanted to have fun, or meet up with friends and family. No one was a stranger. By God’s awesome providence, he allowed JS to witness the ceremony of Joseph “Kelvin” receiving his Master degree on May 18th. Joe went “home to be with God” when there was nothing else to do.

#### *A Time to Die*

On Tuesday, June 7, 2016, our Lord called and Joe L. Strickland answered the call. There was a swift movement from time to eternity. The omniscient presence of God was still at work. We thank God for the time he loaned JS to us. He was a beloved son/brother, loving father/grandfather, and devoted friend.

#### *A Time to Mourn*

Joe leaves to cherish his memory: two sisters, Lorincy Strickland and Vera Vick, both of North Carolina; one brother, Wardell of New Jersey (Chesteen); three aunts, Minnie Jenkins, Gloria McCathern and Hawatha Freeman (Thurman) all of New Jersey; children, Sharon Swiney (Doug, Sr.) Joseph K. Strickland of MD (LaPonda), Dexter Strickland (Rhonda), Tracy and Jonathan Strickland, and Raquele Strickland-Dale; twelve grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

#### *A Time to Rejoice*

To God be the GLORY! Today we celebrate the life of JS – Joe Louis Strickland.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn.....“*Blessed Assurance*”

Prayer of Comfort.....Roderick McCathern

Scripture Readings.....Edmund McCathern

Old Testament

New Testament

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements.....LaPonda Strickland

Reflections.....Two Minutes Please

Obituary.....LaPonda Strickland

Musical Selection

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Jonah Nixon

Recessional

## **-Interment-**

Monday, June 13, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

Rosedale Memorial Park

792 East Edgar Road

Linden, New Jersey 07036

## **Repast**

Prince Hall Masonic Lodge #61

188 Irving Turner Blvd.

Newark, NJ 07112

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**Pall Bearers**  
*Family and Friends*

*Don't Think Of Him As Gone Away*

*Don't think of him as gone away, his journey has just begun; Life has many facets, this Earth is only one. Think of him as resting from the sorrows and the fears; In a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days or years. Think of how he must be wishing how we could know today; that nothing but our sadness can really pass away. Think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched; for nothing loved is ever lost and he was loved so very much.*

**The Family**

*Acknowledgement*

*The family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during their hour of bereavement.  
May God's rich blessings be upon you.*

*The Family*

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