

*A Celebration of Life*  
*In Loving Memory*  
*Of*  
**HERMAN E. CREWS**

Sunrise: June 17, 1927  
Sunset: April 14, 2017



**Service:**  
Wednesday, April 19, 2017  
11:00 A.M.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
130 Main Street  
Orange, New Jersey

# Obituary

*“For whatever is born of God overcomes the worlds; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.” 1 John 5:4*

**HERMAN CREWS**, son of the late John Crews and Libby Gupton Crews, was born on June 17, 1927, in Granville County, North Carolina, and departed this life April 14, 2017, at University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey (NJ).

Herman completed his formal education in the Granville County Schools in Oxford, North Carolina. He pursued his career in the U.S. Navy where he became a Navy Seal Officer and received an honorable discharge. After his Navy career, he met and married the late Rose Greene in 1951 and relocated to Newark, NJ until he departed on April 14, 2017. He started a career with the Sherwin Williams Paint Company where he worked as a Machinist until his retirement.

Herman belonged to the Masonic Fraternity for many years. This organization stood for men with a good reputation, character and set out to promote good will within the community. He loved his family and friends and most everyone in meeting him loved him. He loved his family and would do anything for you within his means. He loved sports and enjoyed watching sporting events throughout his journey in life. He promoted goodwill by visiting the sick-n-shut in.

Herman was preceded in death by his four brothers and two sisters (Norman, James, Charlie, and Thomas Crews and Leslie Taburn and Freeler Steward).



He leaves to cherish his memory his two aunts, Barbara Ann Lawson of Roxboro, NC and Evelyn Vickers of West Palm Beach, Florida; two sisters-in-law Ogeechee Crews of Oxford, NC and Mary Crews of Cleveland, Ohio; a special friend and caring nurse, Geraldine Andrews; and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and very special friends. His memories will forever be in our hearts.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude  
Walt Sorey

Hymn of Celebration

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament – Psalm 23  
New Testament – John 11: 25-26

Prayer of Comfort

Solo  
“How Great Thou Art”

Acknowledgements

Reading of the Obituary

Remarks  
(limit 2 minutes please)

Solo  
“Take Me To The King”

Eulogy  
Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr.

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey



# “Together Again”

## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

## *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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