

HOME GOING CELEBRATION
FOR



Rodney Naru
DOUGLAS

Sunrise: March 11, 1953
Sunset: June 9, 2026

Thursday, June 25, 2026
Viewing: 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. | Home Going Service: 11:00 a.m.

Clarence B. Wright Funeral Home
579 Grove Street, Irvington, New Jersey

OBITUARY

Rodney Naru Douglas was born to Homer and Martha A. Douglas on March 11, 1953, and departed this earthly life on June 9, 2026. He was one of six children who included Homer Jr. (Bunny), Helen Elizabeth (Princess), Carol Anne (SIDS), Lisa, and Novella.

Rodney was educated in the Newark, New Jersey Public School System. After his 1971 graduation from West Side High School with distinction, he continued his education by attending Northeastern University located in Boston, Massachusetts. While at Northeastern University, Rodney joined the historical African American Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi.

Upon returning to Newark, Rodney completed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). He then became interested in Cosmetology, in which he demonstrated a talent in this area and enjoyed the application of make-up to family members and friends for special dedicated events. His most notable customer was Antonio Fargas (Huggy Bear Brown) of tv show Starsky and Hutch.

In 1993, Rodney began working for Lord and Taylor, located at Willowbrook Mall, Wayne, New Jersey as a junior Visual Merchandiser. His job included updating and resetting floor design layouts and seasonal products. However, he continued to use cosmetics for family and friends when asked.

Rodney retired from Lord and Taylor in 2019 and developed an interest in basic drawing and painting. He will be remembered as a kindhearted, and generous man who continued to be a clothing trendsetter.

Rodney was preceded in death by his parents: Homer and Martha A. Douglas; his siblings: Homer Jr. and Helen Elizabeth.

Memories of Rodney life will be cherished by his beloved sisters: Novella Douglas and Lisa Fenner (Donald); cousins: Dr. Frederic Nash (Dr. Pamela S. Nash), Captain Gary Nash, retired Essex County Sheriff Office (Regina); Cousins: Kimberly and Nyaa Lark (CA); Nieces: Roxanne and Camille Douglas (NJ), Elena Lovett (IN) and Marissa Fenner (NJ); Great Nieces: Stacia and Ameenah (NJ) and Twice Great Niece: Aaliyayn; (NJ) Nephews: Michael Julia(NJ) and Brian Fenner (NJ); and Devoted friends: Vanessa and Gwendolyn Quinn (MD); Lonnie and Heidrum Quinn (FLA); LaTisa Walker (NJ); Elliot Benson (NWK); Kevin Benson (SC) and Lorenzo and Dawn White (FLA), Cheryl Fenner (OH).

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional/Viewing

Opening Hymn “Eye of Sparrow Gary Nash”

Prayer of Comfort Derrick Collins, Pastor

Hymn

Acknowledgments Marissa Fenner

Rodney’s Journey Home Brian Fenner

Musical Selection

Silent Reading of Obituary

Reflections Omega Phi Psi Members

Eulogy Derrick Collins, Pastor

Scripture Readings Gary Nash

Recessional

Repass:

A gathering of family and friends will occur later.

RODNEY'S JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN...

Do not think of him as gone away.

His journey just began.

Life holds so many facets.

This earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting from sorrows and tears

In a place of warmth and comfort

where there are no days and years,

Think how he must be wishing.

That we could know today how nothing
but our sadness can really pass away.

And think of him as living.

In the hearts of those he touched

for nothing loved is every lost

and he was loved so much.

-Ellen Brenneman

Pall Bearers:

Dr. Frederic Nash

Michael Julia

Elliot Benson

Retired Captain Gary Nash

Brian Fenner

Kevin Benson

NOTE OF GRATITUDE:

*We are grateful for your kindness, words of comfort, and
players of love. We consider each deed a loving tribute to
Rodney. It has made our loss easier to bear,
knowing that others care.*

With Love, The Family

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