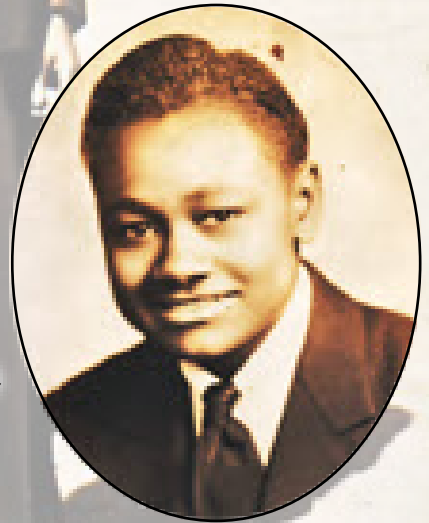


Home-Going Celebration for
Thomas Preston Palin

Sunrise
April 8, 1925

Sunset
June 6, 2010



Friday, June 11, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Ronald Allen, Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Thomas Preston Palin, preferably called Preston, 85, died Sunday, June 6, 2010 at the Cedar Hill Nursing Facility following about with cancer and other unrelated illnesses. Preston died while resting at the Cedar Hill Nursing Facility where he had been living for the past three months; however, for the past seventeen years Preston resided in East Orange, NJ where he built numerous friendships.

The son of the late Gusie and Walter Palin, *Thomas Preston Palin* was born on April 8, 1925 in Creswell, NC. He had six sisters and six brothers, Elizabeth Halsey, Mollie Robinson, May Cook, Amy Walker, Mildred Lee, Richard Palin, Walter Palin, Isiah (Ike) Palin, Abram Palin, Rock Plain, Coy (Joe) Palin and Margie Palin-Banks.

Although born and raised in Crewell, early in life, Preston gave himself to the Lord and moved up North where he initially settled in Staten Island, NY. Soon after he moved to New Jersey. He began an occupation as a Chef and labored as a landscaper throughout the Essex County area for the rest of his life. By working as a landscaper he developed a love and appreciation for gardening; he had a “real” green thumb.

After settling in New Jersey, in his early twenties, Preston married the late Aline Palin in 1942. During this marriage they had two children together. After separation with Aline he met the late Dorothy Mae Kemp. Preston and Dorothy Kemp cherished one another throughout the duration of their common law marriage: a union that bore three children and one that built family ties between the two.

In all, he was a man who lived and enjoyed his life, his family and the people around him. A quite man by nature, coupled with a strong demeanor his presence will be missed by all the people and family members that laughed alongside him, while witnessing his optimistic attitude on life.

He leave behind: a host of children, family and friends; three daughters, Mildred Diane Lambert (Julian Lambert, son-in-law), Patricia Palin and Gloria Palin; his son, Thomas Preston Palin, Jr. (Hattie Palin, daughter-in-law); two belated children, Maureen Kemp and Thomas Kemp; five step-children, Sandra, Hameen, Juanita, Harold, Leonard and the belated Robert; six grandchildren, Thomas Preston Palin III, Lori Ann Davis, Nicole Dickey, Dishreen Simmons, Rasheedah Riddle and Al-Jabbar Riddle; eight great grandchildren; and a host of stepchildren. Thomas Palin was loved by countless nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and he was a dear friend to many.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Obituary

Sandra Roker

Remarks (2 minutes)

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Ronald Allen

Recessional

Benediction

Interment

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park

East Hanover, New Jersey



***The repast will be held at
1427 Thelma Drive Union, NJ 07083.
(5 blocks East of Tiffanys off Vauxhall Rd. in Union)***

Life Is But A Stopping Place

*Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road
to sweet Eternity.*



*We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn something,
But never meant to stay.....*

*Our destination is a place
far greater than we know.*



*For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.*

-author unknown

Lovingly submitted by family

Acknowledgments

We wish to express our profound thanks and appreciation to the many friends who have strengthened us in this most difficult time.

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