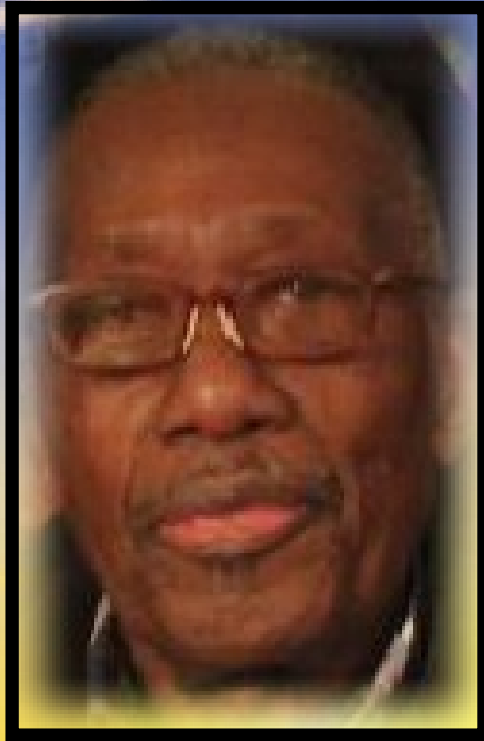


A Celebration of Life for



Abraham Burns

Sunrise
March 13, 1924

Sunset
January 22, 2013

Service

Monday, January 28, 2013- 12:00 Noon

CHRISTIAN LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH

830 Lyons Avenue

Irvington, New Jersey 07111

Pastor Stephen M. Webb, Officiating

Life Story



Abraham “Abe” Burns, the only blessed child of Handy and Ellen Burns, was born on March 13, 1924, in Rowland, North Carolina. He resided in Fairmont, North Carolina, where he graduated from Rosenwald High School. Abe was a Veteran

Soldier of World War II and a recipient of several medals during his service. He moved to New Jersey in 1953, where he held various jobs and retired from Firmenich, Inc. in Port Newark. Abe met Rosa Lee in 1967, became a loving father to her young children and they married in 1975.

He was predeceased by his parents, Handy and Ellen Burns and his wife, Rosa Lee Burns, and son-in-law, Kenton Harris.

He is survived by: his loving children, Fred Washington, Jr., Joanne Washington, Eletha (Sue) Washington, Ronnie Edwards and his wife Maria, Connie Moses and her husband Frederick, Anthony Washington and his wife Darcele, Timothy Washington and his wife Silvia, Doris Harris, and Jerome Sellers; his grandchildren, John Washington, Terence Hilton, Cheryl Washington, Darina Washington, Tashana Edwards, Aliana Washington, Jared Washington, Desiree Moses, Dennell Moses, Brittany Washington, Jerome Washington Sellers and Tyrone Edwards; and his great-grandchildren, Elgin Ravenell, Javon Washington, Deshaun Washington, Janai Washington, Lanaiya Edwards, Kamaiya Edwards, and Aubrianna Polk.

Abe was a loving and devoted family man. He enjoyed spending time with his family and could be the life of the party, telling interesting stories about growing up in the South, his experiences in the war, and as a young man in foreign countries. Abe was a skilled electrician, plumber, painter, and mechanic; everything but cook. He was so energetic that even after retirement he worked odd jobs around the community, provided transportation to other senior citizens and assisted them in any way he could. He and Rosa Lee were dedicated to each other for the past forty-seven years until she passed away in December 2012 following several lengthy illnesses. This inseparable couple spent countless hours of rest and relaxation fishing along the Jersey shore. Abe remained at her side at all times and was a compassionate and selfless caregiver.

Order of Service

Prelude.....Organist

Processional.....Family

Prayer of Invocation and Consolation.....Pastor M. Webb

Scripture Readings.....Minister Sheila Jackson
Old Testament
New Testament

Solo.....Minister Sheila Jackson
“Precious Lord”

Life’s Story.....John Washington

Military Honors.....Honor Guard

Acknowledgements.....Aliana Washington

Expressions (2min.).....Family and Friends

Hymn.....Congregational
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Eulogy.....Pastor Stephen M. Webb
New Life Christian Church • Bloomfield,NJ

Benediction

<p style="text-align:center"><u>Cremation</u> Rosemount Crematory Private</p>
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A repast will be held immediately following the benediction.

The Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up
Just say that I gave in;
Don't say I lost the battle,
For it was God's war to lose or win;
Please don't say how good I was,
But that I did my best;
Just say I tried to do what's right,
To give the most I could, not less;
Please don't give me wings or halos,
That's for God to do;
I want no more than I deserve
No extras, just my due
Please don't give flowers,
In real hushed tones;
Don't be concerned about me now,
I'm well with God, I've made it home;
Don't talk about what could have been
It's over and it's done
Just see to all my family's needs,
When you draw a picture of me,
Don't draw me as a saint;
I've done some good,
I've done some wrong
So, use all of your paint;
Not just the bright and light tones,
Use some grey and dark;
In fact, don't put me down on a canvas,
Paint me in your heart;
Don't just remember the good times;
But remember all the bad;
For life is full of many things,
Some happy and some sad
But if you must do something
Then I have one request
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done,
And with the love that's left;
Thank God for my soul's resting,
Thank God for I've been blessed,
Thank God for all who loved me,
Praise God who loved me best!



Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Abraham Burns** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*



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