

The Service of Triumph for
James Howell Pleasant, Jr.

Sunrise:
April 25, 1925

Sunrise:
May 11, 2016



Service

Monday, May 16, 2016 ~ 11:00 am

Cotton-Parker Funeral Home

37 Clinton Avenue

Jersey City, New Jersey

District Elder Bobbie Smith, Presiding
Minister Darrin J. Brown, Eulogist

The Obituary



JAMES HOWELL PLEASANT JR. fondly known as “Sonny” son of the late Rev. James and Madeline Pleasant was born April 25, 1925 in Buffalo, NY. He was called to eternal rest on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 11:06 AM at the John F Kennedy Hospital in Edison, NJ. He is preceded in death by his two sisters, Ruth Holmes and Delores Rhodes.

Sonny was educated in the Jersey City Public School System shortly thereafter entered into the US Navy and proudly served our country. Upon successfully completing his tour of duty, Sonny settled in Jersey City and assisted his parents in their established Dry Cleaning and Tailoring business known as “New Way Cleaners” located in Bayonne, NJ. When his parent’s retired, Sonny assumed the responsibility of the business and expanded it to include the Jersey City area. New Way Cleaners was a staple in the Bayonne Community for over 40 years. Sonny was well liked and received by all. He generously donated his time by mentoring young men. He allowed them to work within his business and he trained them in the skill of dry cleaning and pressing clothes. Other mentees rode and assisted him in the pick-up and delivery service. He was a faithful member of Friendship Lodge #44 in Jersey City, NJ for over 50 years. During his membership he was the President of the Level Club. Upon his retirement, he volunteered at the Senior Citizens Home serving breakfast and lunch.

On November 28, 1959, Sonny was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late Ada Hill. They remained happily married for 37 years until her death.

Those who will cherish his memory are his sister Barbara Brown and brother-in law, James Brown; aunts, Ruth Greene and Mabel Pleasant; nieces, Gwendolyn Hamilton, Sherolyn Coleman (Roosevelt), Janell Terry (Tom), and Angelique Williams (Todd); nephews, Jake Holmes Jr. (Cynthia), Kevin Holmes, Dewayne Holmes (Edna), and Minister Darrin Brown (Terress), great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE
JAMES HOWELL PLEASANT

District Elder Bobbie Smith - Presiding



Organ Prelude.....Jake Holmes Jr., Nephew

Opening Hymn.....Minister Carole Dortch-Wright

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Eddie Purnell

Scripture Readings.....Kevin Holmes, Nephew & Angelique Williams, Niece

Old Testament: Psalms 23

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 13

Trumpet Selection.....Mark Ingraham, Great Nephew

Expressions

Resolution by Friendship Lodge #44

Acknowledgements and Condolences

Obituary (Read in Silence)

Solo.....Minister Carole Dortch-Wright

*The Eulogy.....Minister Darrin Brown,
The Cathedral International, Perth Amboy, NJ*

The Recessional

*Immediately after the Service, Family and Friends are invited to a repast
located: Emmanuel Pentecostal Church, 47-49 Kearny Avenue, Jersey City, NJ*

Interment

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 ~ 12:30 pm

*Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
350 Provinceline Road, Wrightstown, New Jersey*

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203

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"Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service"

Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **James Howell Pleasant, Jr.**



Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **James Howell Pleasant** gratefully acknowledges the many cards, calls, visits, floral tributes and other acts of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement and transition. Much of the strength we will get to carry on comes not only from the Lord, but also from your continued acts of love. We embrace your love and caring acts and will cherish them forever.*



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