

Homegoing Service
Celebrating a Life Well Lived

Woodrow Odell Franklin



“Woody”

Sunrise
May 12, 1941

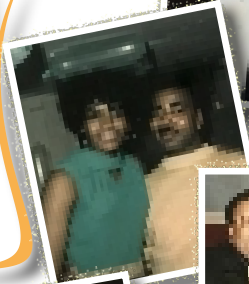
Sunset
May 8, 2018

Service
Saturday, May 19, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.

Professional Services Provided by:
Whigham Funeral Home
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Bishop Rodney Brooks, Officiating

“You Will Always Be...



My Endless Love”

The Life and Memory of Woodrow Odell Franklin

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, peacefully at his home in Columbus, New Jersey, God called for our beloved Woodrow.

Woodrow “Woody” Odell Franklin was born in Georgetown, South Carolina on May 12, 1941 to the late Mr. Cephus and Mrs. Margaret Franklin. He was the second of four children. Woodrow was baptized into Saint Stephen’s Methodist Church at an early age. He was educated through Georgetown’s public school system and graduated from Howard High School in 1960.

Following graduation he departed South Carolina to explore Newark, New Jersey where his father, Cephus and younger siblings resided at this time. He became employed by Saffer Food Products where he worked as a truck driver and Warehouse manager for over 35 years. During this time Woodrow would meet Carolyn Melton, a young aspiring nurse who he fell in love with and married September 15, 1963. From this union was born two girls, Wanda and Sharon who were the joy of his life.

Woodrow focused on being an excellent husband and father. Wanting to provide the very best for his family he began working a part time job with Red Lamp Liquors where he developed many lifelong friendships. It was around this time that he and Carol discovered Atlantic City. He loved taking Carol to her “playground”, the casinos.

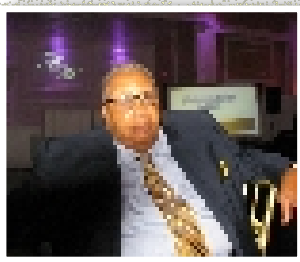
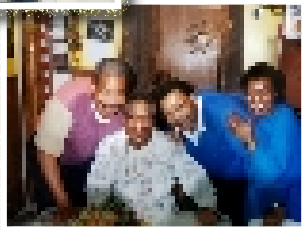
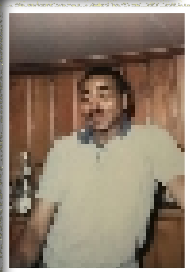
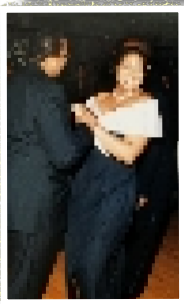
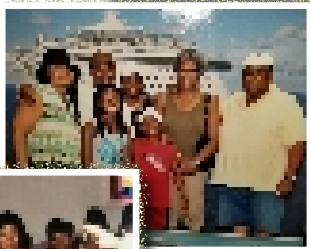
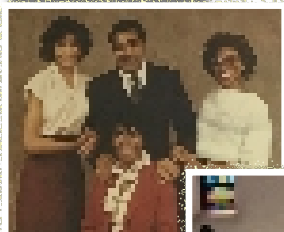
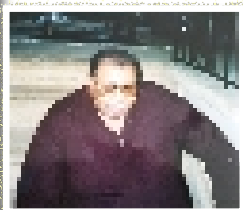
In his younger years Woodrow was an avid softball player, golfer, pool player and bowler. He joined a softball league and became the manager/coach for the Pink Pub Lounge Softball Team. This is where he developed his people skills and coaching style. He was a self-taught culinary chef who loved to entertain and cook for his family and friends. He was happiest when those he loved enjoyed his cooking. The smile on his face was priceless.

Woodrow loved traveling the country and abroad with his family. He would often joke about how the family vacations were like the adventures of the Griswolds from National Lampoon’s Vacation movies.

Woodrow adored his two grandchildren, Ashlee and Shaun. They were his heart. He loved being a “Grandpa” and spoiled them from the moment each arrived in the world. You could always find him sitting in the audience or in the bleacher stand cheering on his grandchildren at almost each and every school and sporting event. Woodrow was in a class all by himself. He was the epitome of a great human being. His spirit resonated with people which manifested into his unique personality. If you knew him, you loved him, and he would make you laugh. He was adored, admired, and respected by many.

Woodrow was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Franklin Sessions; father, Cephus Franklin Sr.; two brothers, Cephus Franklin Jr. and William Lee Franklin. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 55 years, Carolyn Franklin; two daughters, Wanda Franklin Hunter and Sharon Franklin; one son-in-law, Andrew Hunter; two grandchildren, Ashlee and Shaun Hunter and one sister, Margaret Perry. Woodrow is also survived by four sister -in- laws, Linda Mann, Thelma Jacobs, Deborah Middleton, Diane Johnson; and three brother-in laws, Charles Rutherford, George Mann, Sammy Johnson; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

*Organ Prelude.....Instrumental “Amazing Grace”
(Joshua Nelson)*

*Processional “Blessed Assurance”
(Joshua Nelson)*

*Scripture Reading Bishop Rodney Brooks
Old Testament – Psalms 91:1-4
New Testament – John 14: 1-6*

*Musical Selection.... “Something About the Name Jesus”
(Joshua Nelson)*

Tributes from the Family.....Sharon Franklin

Remarks Family/Friends..... 2 Minutes Please

Acknowledgements &

Reading of Obituary.....Darlene L. Cox

*Musical Selection..... “He’s Already Done What,
He Said He Would Do”
(Joshua Nelson)*

Eulogy..... Bishop Rodney Brooks

*Final Viewing Soon And Very Soon
(Joshua Nelson)*

The Family Prayer of ComfortBishop Rodney Brooks

*Recessional..... “Take Me To The King”
(Joshua Nelson)*

Interment

*Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey*

Repast:

*Following Services B.F. Johnson Community
Center - Metropolitan Baptist Church
149 Springfield Avenue Newark,
New Jersey, 07103*

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

Acknowledgements

The family would like to express their deep appreciation a sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

And a very special thank you to Ida Doretha Polhill

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