Homegoing Celebration
For

Hopeton Harris Kerr

Sunrise: May 10, 1946
Sunset: May 2, 2019

First Fellowship Cathedral
70-80 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey
Pastor Devon Thomas, Officiating

Saturday, June 1, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.
Hopeton Harris Kerr affectionately known as “Uncle Hopie” went from labor to reward on May 2, 2019 at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ.

Hopeton was born on May 10, 1946 to Lucille Kerr and the late Edwin Kerr in Tangle River, St. James, Jamaica, WI. He was the 7th of 10 children. He was the beloved of his father and was always by his side. Hopeton was educated through the Vaughnville All Age School and went to trade school to become a skilled craftsman and carpenter. His first job was a casket maker for Madden Funeral Home and he also did carpentry work.

In 1976, Hopeton became friends with a man named Wesley and through their friendship, Hopeton was introduced to the love of his life – Adlyn. After many bike rides and long walks on the beach, Hopeton and Adlyn were married in June of 1977. Out of this union, they were blessed with three children – Otis, Amelia and Everton. Hopeton was doubly blessed because he became a father to Adlyn’s older children – Lawrence, Lovetta and Milton.

Hopeton was a quiet man that worked hard. Wanting to make a better life for his family, Hopeton decided to come to the United States in October of 1977. He came and lived with his sister Minerva for several years. Hopeton continued his work with carpentry and became a sanitation worker. He sent for his family in 1982. They arrived and finally took up residence at “42” in Montclair, NJ.

Hopeton accepted Christ and was saved at a young age and was one of the foundation members of First Fellowship Cathedral. He was a member of the Deacon and Trustee Board there and always had a mind to work in the church. He not only helped to build the church but is credited with building the balcony that sits above our heads.

Hopeton loved his family and got great joy out of his grandchildren.

Hopeton was predeceased by his father, Edwin; his brothers, Rainville and Lloyd and his sister, Alma.

He leaves to cherish her memory, his mother, Lucille, his wife, Adlyn; his children – Paul (Sheri), Lovetta, Patrick, Otis (Phyllis), Amelia, Everton (Sherika), his grandchildren – Paris, Pierce, Justin, Jada, Skyler, Liam, Caleb, AliciaLyn, Ethan and Serena, his siblings – Melburn (Sylvia), Dorrette (Edmund), Norman (Verona), Minerva (Colin), Pearl, Tombline, his mother-in-law, Ruth, his siblings-in-law – Caswell, Evelyn, Nora, Wesley, Selvin (Cecelia), June, Simeon, Felix, Veronica (Jack), Daniel (Ann-Marie), Marcia.

He also leaves to mourn his loss; host of nieces, nephews and cousins, friends and his church family.
Order of Service

Processional

Musical Medley

Congregational Hymn

Reading of Scripture
Psalm 23 – Paris Elliott (granddaughter)
John 14:1-3 – Justin Elliott (grandson)

Prayer of Comfort
Deacon Delroy Evans (nephew)

Musical Selection
Rev. Phyllis Coy-Kerr (daughter-in-law)

Reading of the Obituary & Acknowledgments
Vilma Hibbert-Eskine

Special Tribute
From Claudette and Cutie read by Vilma Hibbert-Eskine

Reflections ........ 1 minute only please

Personal Reflections
Simeon Coote (brother-in-law)
Elaine Buchanan (niece)
Patrick Elliott (son)
Norma Scarlett (cousin)
Dorrette Hibbert (sister)
Rosalee Dobbs (niece)

Tribute
Bishop T. Mowatt

Selection
Church Choir

Offering

Eulogy
Pastor Devon Thomas

Recessional

Interment
Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

Repast will be immediately following the burial at the church banquet hall
I'm Free

Don’t grieve for me, for now I’m free
I’m following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life’s been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one’s touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don’t lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

Acknowledgement
The family of Hopeton H. Kerr would like to express their gratitude for all of the expressions of care, kindness and love during their time of bereavement.

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