

In Loving Memory of



Frederick Washington

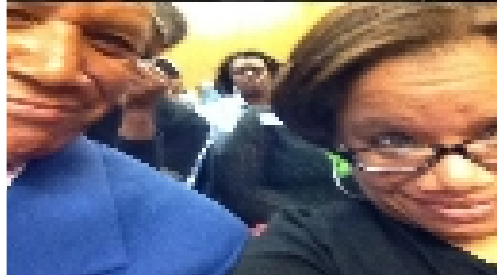
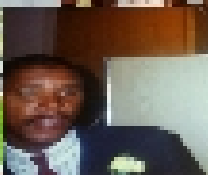
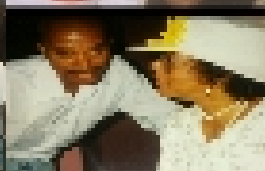
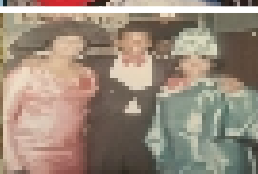
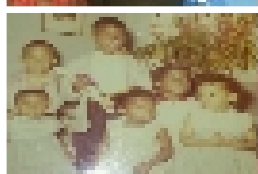
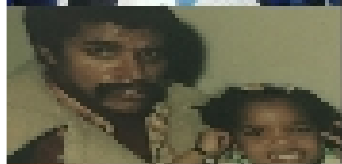
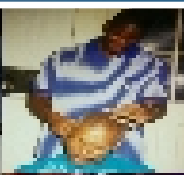
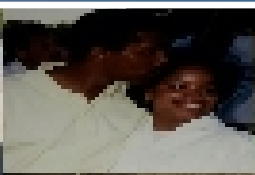
August 10, 1949 - December 21, 2019

Service

Friday, December 27, 2019 - 3:00 p.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey



Obituary

On December 21, 2019 Frederick “Fred” Washington received a call with an offer he couldn’t refuse, for an appointment from which he will not be returning. This assignment comes with a huge sign-on bonus, a reunion with family and friends he has not seen in a long time. Job security is exactly 110 percent. His new mission takes him to a wonderful place where he will be singing and dancing, socializing, and reading the daily Star Ledger to his heart’s content.

Fred, a lover of hot sauce, James Brown, and old movies was born in Augusta, Georgia, on August 10, 1949, to the late Freddie Washington and Rosa Lee Washington Burns.

Fred grew up in Georgia and moved to Newark, New Jersey in the early 60’s. Later, he would relocate and live in Florida for a short time before returning to East Orange, New Jersey.

Fred had many interests and talents. He LOVED James Brown! In fact, in his teenage years, he performed as “James Brown, Jr.” at various venues throughout the city of Newark. He designed and created his own costumes, as well as his own clothes. His eye for fashion was like no other. He also enjoyed interior design.

Fred had a passion for environmental conservation and community service which led him to hold jobs in both areas. He worked with at-risk youth and other at-risk populations to provide career counseling, skills development, job placement, and financial counseling. After relocating to East Orange, he volunteered with several organizations including Rutgers University, the Urban League, and the NJ Child Placement Review Board where he performed oversight of children in foster care.

From the time Fred was a young boy who thought he was Spiderman (he would stand on the ledge outside the bedroom window and, like Spiderman, crawl back in to scare his brothers and sisters), he loved to stand out. There was a uniqueness about him that caused others to take notice. Maybe it was the special way he wore his ties or the swagger in his walk. Perhaps it was simply his ability to speak intelligently on any topic. It may even be the mystery of how to really spell his first name...was it Fredrick or Frederick?

Like many, one of Fred’s proudest moments was the inauguration of President Barack Obama. He was just so excited and filled with joy. He even had a few people tell him there was a resemblance between the two, and if you knew Fred, well, you know that not

much else needed to be said after that! Whether there was a resemblance or not, there was one thing they had in common, and that was community service. There's a quote by President Obama that fits perfectly:

“We, the People, recognize that we have responsibilities as well as rights; that our destinies are bound together; that a freedom which only asks what's in it for me, a freedom without a commitment to others, a freedom without love or charity or duty or patriotism, is unworthy of our founding ideals, and those who died in their defense.”

We all have busy lives, families, and responsibilities. Yet it is incumbent upon all of us to do our part in making this world, this country a much better place. And, there really is no better time than at this moment to find some way to make a difference, whether it's volunteering in a local soup kitchen, a children's hospital, or spending an hour at a local senior center.

Fred is survived by his loving daughter, Cheryl Washington and grandson, Elgin Ravenell. Fred was the eldest brother of eight surviving siblings: Joanne Washington, Eletha (Sue) Washington, Ronnie Edwards, Connie Moses, Anthony Washington and his wife Darcele, Timothy Washington and his wife Silvia, Doris Harris, and Jerome Sellers. He will be greatly missed by his nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

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Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Remember Me

To the living, I am gone.
To the sorrowful, I will never return.
To the angry, I was cheated,
But to the happy, I am at peace,
And to the faithful, I have never left.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.
So as you stand upon a shore, gazing
at a beautiful sea - remember me.
As you look in awe at a mighty forest
and its grand majesty - remember me.
As you look upon a flower
and admire its simplicity - remember me.
Remember me in your heart, your thoughts, your
memories of the times we loved,
the times we cried, the times we fought,
the times we laughed.
For if you always think of me, I will never be gone.

by Margaret Mead

Acknowledgement

The Family of **Frederick Washington** would like to thank
each and everyone for your kind expressions of sympathy
and love during our time of grief.

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