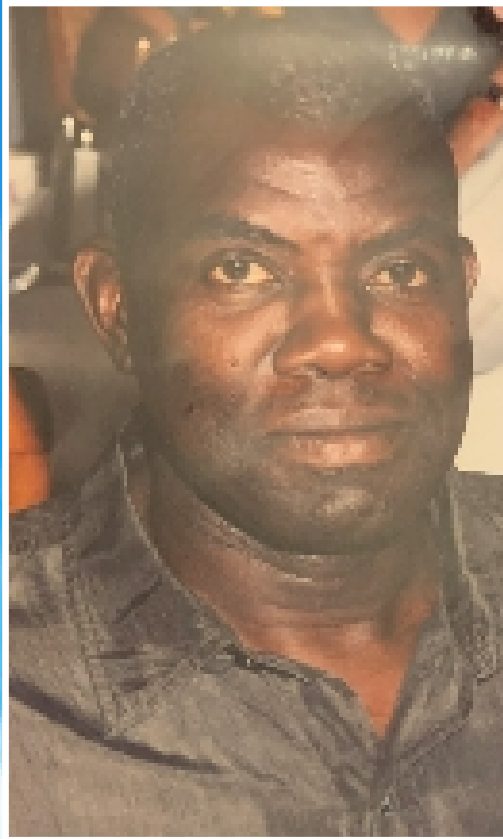


In Loving Memory of
Donald F. Newkirk

Sunrise
March 28, 1941

Sunset
December 20, 2019



Service

Friday, January 3, 2020 • 12:00 noon

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
106 Sussex Avenue • Newark, New Jersey
Pastor Joe Carter, Officiating

Obituary

On Friday, December 20, 2019 God called his servant Donald Newkirk home to Glory. Donald F. Newkirk nickname “Big Jack” growing up was given this name by his late grandfather Jerry Warren, Donald was born in Clinton, North Carolina to the late Clarence Sr. and Pauline Newkirk. Donald attended Sampson High School where he graduated in 1962. After High School he worked odd jobs. In 1965 he left Clinton, NC and moved to New York City during this time he began to drive taxi cabs for a living.

Donald was also an active member of The Metropolitan Baptist Church in Harlem, New York. There he served as a deacon for many years. Donald would often talk about the many places he has traveled to like Africa, Europe, and Israel. Donald move to New Jersey where he decided to pursue a career in trucking as an owner operator. After moving to New Jersey he joined the New Hope Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, he sang in the male chorus and served on the Usher Board for many years. Donald met and married Clara M. Newkirk and raised two beautiful daughters, Stephanie Newkirk and Brittany Newkirk and their added daughter Debra Newkirk, his girls as he would tell everyone. Donald loved traveling the road as a truck driver he loved the fact he traveled to many different places. Donald drove those 18 wheelers like it was nothing for over 30 years. Donald retired from International Motor Freight in 2007 and engaged in many hobbies like fishing, bowling, and playing pool with his friends.

Donald is predeceased by his mother, Pauline Newkirk, his father, Clarence Newkirk Sr., his sister, Katie Newkirk and his brother, Clarence Newkirk Jr. Donald is survived by: his loving wife, Clara Newkirk; daughters, Stephanie Newkirk-Miller (son-in-law, Alphonso Miller); daughters, Brittany Newkirk and Debra Newkirk and her sons, (Kevin and Christian McConneghey) sisters, Christine Bethea, Shirley Melendez; brother, Stoney Newkirk; two sisters-in-law, Theresa Newkirk and Lillian Newkirk; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Order of Service

Hymn of Comfort

Scriptures
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

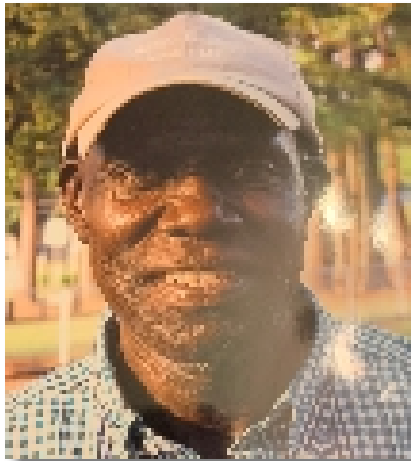
Acknowledgements, Condolences
Resolutions

Obituary
(Read Silently)

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
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 or 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 up 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 heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!
-author unknown*

Acknowledgement

The family of **Donald F. Newkirk** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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