

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
RUDOLPH HEADLEY SR.

SUNRISE
MAY 9, 1935

SUNSET
JANUARY 12, 2020



SERVICE

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 • 12:00 noon

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

OBITUARY

Rudolph Adolphus Headley Sr. (Rudy), was the first of two sons born to the Late Graeme Gibbs-Headley and Joseph Headley on May 9, 1935, in the province of St. James in Barbados. As a child, Rudy was educated through the primary and secondary school system. As an adult, Rudy would perform a variety of odd jobs, where he gained many skills. He tried to make an earnest living to support his five children. At the suggestion of his family, he relocated to the United States to pursue his financial dreams. Rudy gained employment as a professional painter, and furniture distributor.

In 1972, he married his love, Barbara West. From their union they had two loving sons, Rudolph Jr. and Howard. Together they resided in Hillside, New Jersey where they've raised their boys. Rudy was a proud man, and grandfather who bragged about his family often. He spent most of his free time chatting on the phone with his Bajan family, and in the kitchen whipping up a meal. He truly enjoyed cooking, as well as cherishing his prize album collection, and found tremendous enjoyment in watching "real" wrestling. Rudy loved being around family, this was his time to debate, voice his opinions and share his philosophy, as he generally had an opinion about everything. Most of all, he had an infectious laugh, that would make everyone immediately happy. His laugh and vibrant personality filled a room, his silliness was guaranteed to bring cheer.

Rudy became weary after he suffered two strokes earlier last year, and left quietly on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at University hospital in Newark, NJ. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Clayton, and his son Wycliffe. He leaves to cherish his memory with his loving wife Barbara, his children Costhbert, Harriett (Carlisle), Sterling (Merling), Pedra (Winston), Rudolph Jr. (Earletta), and Howard Michael (Charlene), his grandchildren Shakira, Neasa, Tamar, Darrio, Oshea, Ocean, Reeco, Krystal, Camare, Howard Jr., Janasia, Unique, Britteney and Eric; great-grandchildren Kennesha, Kenique, Nyasha, Nakiya, Caleb, Rashae, Tyresha, Kalik, Kenneth, Alexander, Emerson and a host of family and in-laws, within the Gibbs, West, Vanderhorst, Conyers, Rouse and Flanagan families, along with cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Rudy's personality defined joyfulness, he was a tall man with a zest for enjoyment. His boisterous laugh will forever be remembered.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Opening Selection.....Raelyn A. Edwards

Invocation/Prayer of Comfort.....Minister James Henry

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Psalm 23.....Natalie Frazier

New Testament: John 14:1-4.....Raynard Edwards

Reflections.....Family and Friends

(Please limit to 3 minutes)

Reading of Obituary/Acknowledgements.....Edward Flanagan Sr.

Words of Comfort/Eulogy.....Howard West Jr.

Benediction.....Minister James Henry

Recessional..... Pall Bearers/Floral Bearers
Family and Friends

INTERMENT

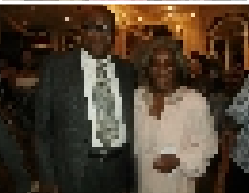
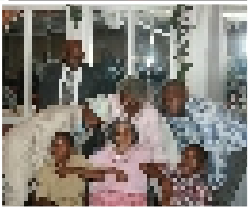
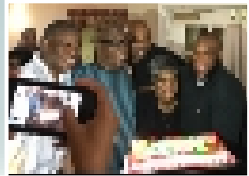
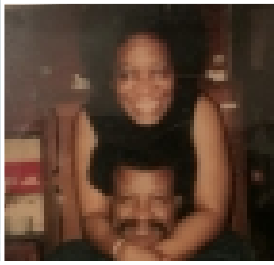
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I'M FREE

*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



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The family of **Rudolph Headley** 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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