



*In Loving
Memory
of*

Roosevelt Abrams

Sunrise

January 19, 1936

Sunset

June 30, 2020

Service

Thursday, July 9, 2020 • 12:00 Noon

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

On January 19, 1936, Roosevelt Abrams was born to Addie and John Abrams in Eatonton, GA, Putnam County. Named after his mother's favorite president "Teddy" Roosevelt. He was the oldest of four children: George, the late Arthur aka little bit and sister Lilia.

Raised in a small town in Georgia, his mother pulled him out of school in the third grade to work at a sawmill factory. At the age of 12 she purchased his 1 st guitar, which would spark his love of music . He became a self-taught musician by his gift to hear the music and he never stopped playing.

Roosevelt's life in the south was full of extraordinary stories and experiences that only he could tell you best. He would end up settling in New Jersey. While working a construction job at a bank in Orange, NJ, around 9am he saw a woman walking across the construction site and he said "... I looked up and saw an angel.." that woman was Toni. Being persistence and many coffees later, Toni would give in and say yes and for 42 years Toni was Roosevelt's angel. After 39 years of working in the building trade with local 426, Roosevelt changed careers and worked as a long-haul truck driver for 10 years. He eventually would retire and him being the working man he was He started driving a school bus, just to have something to do.

Roosevelt was a Godly man giving his life to the Lord on May 5, 1976 around 2pm. He was walking in the Livingston mall when he said he felt this"... Great joy and peace". Roosevelt would share God's word EVERYWHERE he went. Street preaching in Newark and at the men's meeting at the goodwill. In fact, his cb truck handle was "preacher man" because he was always giving a word to the other Truck drivers. He would read and study his bible diligently daily. He was a dedicated deacon at his church calling and checking on other members. He truly was one of God's disciples. He was simply man who enjoyed watching western and even more spending time with his family and friends, telling his stories, playing his guitar, and singing "his version" of songs. In an interview that was done for his 81 st birthday his last words of advice were "please love the Lord with all your heart, mind and soul..." God called Roosevelt back home on June 30, 2020, peacefully in his sleep. Roosevelt Abrams Sr. lived his life dedicated to God. So, anyone who knew him would agree that God's 1 st words were "well done, good and faithful servant!"

Roosevelt is survived by his wife Toni Abrams, his brother George, his sister Lilia, his children: Glenda (Calvin) Jackson of Georgia, Calvin Abrams of Prosperity, SC, Anita (Rickey) Whitney of Chapin, SC, Andre Abrams of Milledgeville, GA, Dorthy (Gregory), Roosevelt Jr (Scheanell), and Tony Abrams reared in the home (Orange NJ). He has 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Order of Service

Opening Song: “Behold I STAND AT THE DOOR”

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament: PSALMS 23 (TONY)
New Testament: John 14: 7-15(Elder Melvin)

PRAYER: (PASTOR Burgess)

SONG: Your Grace & Mercy (Sister Arlene)

READING OF OBITUARY: (Roosevelt)
Video of Roosevelt Sr. Facebook Live Guitar Melody
Photo/Video Montage

Family Remarks
Friends & others remarks (time permitting)

EULOGY: (Pastor Burgess)

Closing Song: “Knocking on Heavens Door”

INTERMENT

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

He Walks the Line For Roosevelt on his 70 By Pat Morrissey
Named for the most famous president of our time He was born down by the Georgia
line

Blues music is always on his mind,
This friend of mine, He Walks the Line.
Age of 12 is when he started to play.

Outside the barbershop just down the way
A Sears guitar, his mama sent away for And to this day, He Walks the Line.
Would gone to war except for his flat feet
Drivin' log trucks just to make ends meet
Singing' country, blues and gospel sweet,
His voice divine. He Walks the Line
Left the farm in Eatonton.

Landed him a job in construction.
Local 4-2-6 became his home, Worked all the time, and Walked the Line.
Come up north in search of the good life.
Saw Toni, said she'll be my wife.
Been together through happiness and strife, Their love sublime. They Walk the
Line.

Spotted Toni at the bank, she was so fine.
Bought her lunch and coffee all the time.
But Toni didn't pay him any mind, For six months time. He Walked the Line,
While guys his age are goin' fishin, Rosey's down at Goodwill Mission,
To his Godly songs the men all listen, Plays notes and rhymes, He Walks the Line.

As a Blues Brother he plays at Barbecues.
At Valley Arts and picnics too.
They play lots of stuff but mostly blues.
Play all the time. They Walk the Line.

Acknowledgement

The family of **Roosevelt Abrams** wishes to express our
sincere thanks for the prayers and other expressions of
love during our time of bereavement.

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