

It's Hard to say Good-Bye

My quiet and compassionate brother Amos Louis

God looked and saw that you were tired and weak
He thought it was best to bring you home to be at rest

In his heavenly home, it will be all happiness and no sorrow shown.

Oh yes, it is true that you will be missed from our phone chats and family gatherings and other events. Know that these times will be cherished

But one day we too will join you in that sweet by an by hugs and kisses. Give the rest of the family a kiss for me.

Love You! Until we meet again

Rutha Doris (sister)

I know our father in heaven will help us weather this storm, as he welcomes our Dad, Grand-dad, brother and uncle into his kingdom to watch over us as his faithful servant. Rest in heavenly peace.

Donna Lynn (daughter)

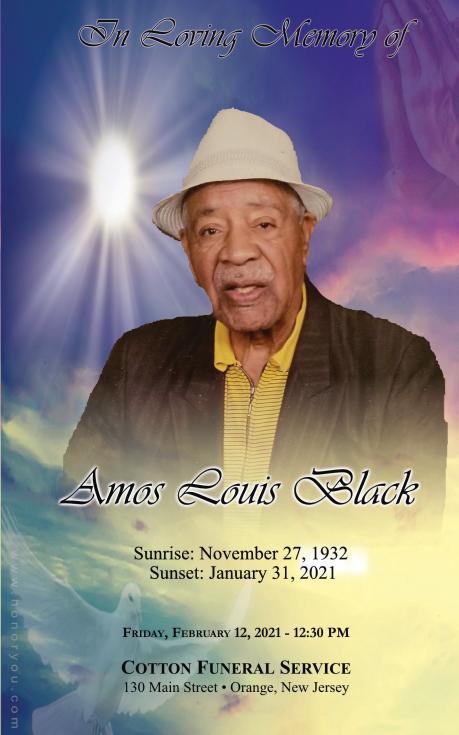
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The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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<u> Obituary</u>

Amos Louis Black was born to parents Pearl and John Black of Bascom, FL on November 27, 1932. He was the 7th born of 10 children.

Louis, as he preferred to be called by his middle name was a young man of strong will and determination left his hometown in Florida at the very young age of 17 years old to join his siblings who

had traveled to New Jersey before him.

He started on his journey with no money, but had faith that his prayers and support of his siblings would see him through. Louis was determined to make it in the big city of Newark, NJ, he landed his first job working in a shoe factory making shoes.

In 1960 he started working in construction, earning what was considered to be quite a substantial income during those times and was able to provide and care for his growing family.

'Living the dream' Louis purchased a home on North 17th Street in East Orange NJ in the early 1970's. This was the place where many family friends gathered over the years and the home where he raised his children. He held on to his home well after his children were grown, over 43 years in the city of East Orange and would have held onto it for 100 years if his health and age would have allowed. 'So many good memories.'

He retired from the Heavy and General Laborers Union Local 472 on January 1,1984, after 24 years of service. After retirement he spent his leisure time doing what he loved most, 'Driving!' all over town visiting friends, helping friends in need and attending Saint Luke AME church each and every Sunday as long as his health and weather permitted.

A great father and family man. He made sure that all his children were baptized at St. Luke AME church, nurturing their faith in God and introducing them to prayer at a young age was most important. He spent quality time with his children taking them swimming, lodging and to amusement parks.

'Soul food Sundays' after church we went visiting, over to his parents and siblings houses. Louis wanted to make sure cousins knew cousins and most of all he loved to eat! when it came to good meals he didn't turn nothing down but his collar.

Louis will be remembered by his extended family and friends as 'The Gentle Man' laid back and always there for good and bad times, he may not have many words but he had a smile for everyone and a warm presence about him that made up for what he didn't express in words.

He leaves to cherish his memory, Sister Rutha Doris Bowers and Brother-in-law Andrew Bowers, Daughters - Donna Black-Ebinamah, Stacey Black, Angel Black and Ashley Black. Sons- Louis Black, Shawn Black and Daren Black. Daughter-in-law, Pamela Black, Son-in-law, Nkem Ebinamah, fourteen grand children and one great grand and a host of nieces and nephews.

Amos Louis Black was preceded in death by his parents Pearl and John Black, brothers John Wille, Raymond, Ulysses, Earrnest and sisters Gertrude, Margaret, Julia, Catherine and his eldest son Eric.



Opening Prayer

Reverend Dr. Joseph A. Hooper

Old Testament Scripture reading

New Testament Scripture reading

Musical Selection

Organist

Presentation

Saint Luke AME Church Class Leaders Ministry Sister Edna Barnes

Poem

It's hard to say Good-bye written by Sister Ruth Doris

Letter to my Father

written by Son Louis Black recited by grandson Paris Black

Message to the family

daughter Donna Black-Ebinamah

Reading of the Obituary

Remarks - 2 minutes

Musical Selection- His eye is on the Sparrow

Eulogy- Reverend Dr. Joesph A. Cooper

Benediction

Final Viewing

Recessional

