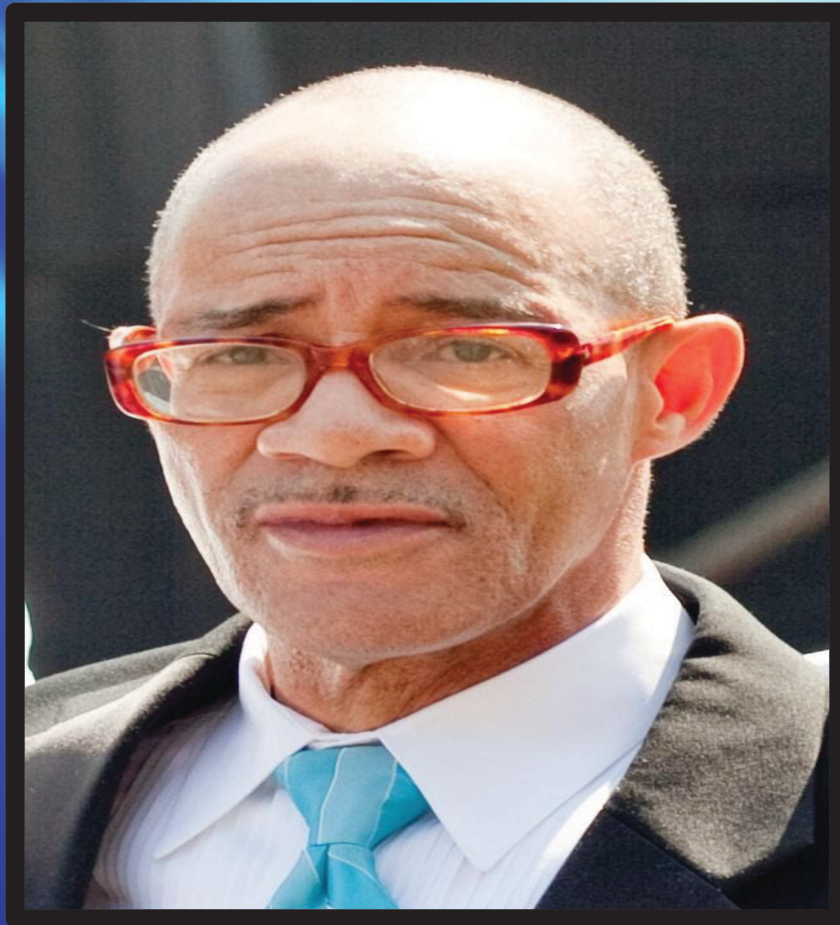


In Loving Memory of
Frederick J. Atkinson Sr.
(HUSBAND, FATHER, BROTHER, FRIEND....)
March 5, 1948 – February 3, 2021



Thursday, February 25, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

On March 5, 1948, Frederick Jerome Atkinson Sr. was born in Durham, North Carolina. Along with his loving parents, Annie Atkinson and Clarence Fuller Sr., Frederick arrived in Newark, NJ at an early age where he attended Warren Street elementary school and Newark Tech high school. He went on to have long careers at two of Newark's famed institutions, past and present: Westinghouse and much later UMDNJ, serving a few decades each, at both companies.

Of course those that knew and loved him, family and friends, were also very familiar with his other lifelong career as a stand-up comedian. He loved hard with a heart of gold, and he lived to make people feel loved and entertained, whenever in his presence.

He was also into electronics, having attended trade school. This fed his passion for tinkering. If you left him alone with it, he was taking it apart to try and figure how it worked. Sure, who really wanted more toast anyway, or to listen to the radio anymore, or play their prized vinyl record collection on their once working record player.

On February 3, 2021, Frederick, as he always did things his way, and on his time, decided that he was ready to ascend to Heaven to join the loved ones that already made the trip. Frederick Sr., is survived by his wife Beverly, his sons Vernon & Fred Jr, sisters Paula, Marjorie & Sharese, and brother Clarence Jr, aka "Bruh": His grandchildren, Keith, Quamir, Yasin, Shante, Deja, Nyla, Briani, Khenedie, Luhnden, Daijhan and Grand-niece/daughter Nadeja; Two daughters-in-law: Zena and Jevonne; and a long list of nephews, nieces, brothers and sisters-in-law. He will now take his place, reunited with his baby boy Keith, sisters Regina & Bertha, and of course his mother, aka grandma, aka Mommy.

So on this 25th day of February 2021, we will take a few minutes to mourn Frederick's death and an eternity to celebrate his life.

Order of Service

Public Viewing

Invocation / Prayer

Formal Reading of the Obituary

Eulogy

Brief Informal Tributes

Acknowledgements

Closing

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Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

You can shed tears that he is gone,
or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,
or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him only that he is gone,
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back.
Or you can do what he'd want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on..

In memory of our husband, father, brother, grandpa, uncle,
friend.....

David Harkins



Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express our sincere gratitude to all
those who have supported us during this time of loss.
The Atkinson Family*

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