

Celebrating The Life
of
Herman Grizzell

Sunrise
October 10, 1943

Sunset
May 22, 2021



THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021 @ 11:00AM

WOODY HOME FOR SERVICES

163 Oakwood Avenue • Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. Reginald Townsend, Officiating

Bro. Myron Smith, Organist

Obituary

Herman Grizzell, son of Harzell (President) and Elma Jane Grizzell (Fortune), was born in Lake, Mississippi on October 10, 1943. He shared his childhood with six sisters and four brothers.

Herman received a Bachelor's degree in Social Science and a Master's degree in Music Education from Jackson State University. He spent the majority of his career as an instrumental music teacher and band director at Schultz Middle School, Hempstead, NY for twenty-eight years, and retired in 2002. He received several awards including Teacher Recognition Award "Rise to the Challenge", 1988; Nassau County Music Association Award for Dedicated Service, 1999; Hempstead Public Schools Cultural Advisory Board Award "for unparalleled dedication and commitment to music education", 1999; and Retirement Recognition Award "in grateful appreciation for service to the children", 2003. After retirement he continued his career at Krumbiegel Middle School, Hillside, NJ for fifteen years. He developed a jazz ensemble and received a Lifetime Achievement Award "for being an inspirational leader who leaves an enduring impact on our school", 2019.

Herman was passionate about gardening and spent many summers growing greens, zucchini, peppers, okra, lots of tomatoes and vines of butter beans that sometimes climbed to the roof of the garage. At gatherings he was usually one of the cooks. He was always on the go, and enjoyed traveling to Cancun, Bermuda, St. Lucia, Montreal, Nova Scotia, Arizona, and Newport, Rhode Island. He especially enjoyed vacations on the coast of Maine and could chow down on lobster and crab with amazing ease. He was an adept "jack of all trades" handyman and took pride in his role as "Herman to the rescue" in the community and beyond.

To cherish many wonderful memories, he leaves behind his wife, Marcia McMillon, who shared his life for thirty years; daughters Shonte Martin (John), Cherie Claudio (Keith); step-daughters Kim McMillon (James) and Tema McMillon (Robert); grandchildren Shania Grizzell, Michael Ferguson, Jr. and Madeleine Desir; sisters Kathy Grizzell, Barbara Parker, Ruth Schexnayder, Ferlandia Townsend (Reginald), Sandra Grizzell and a host of beloved nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Comfort Blessed Assurance

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Roosevelt Pinkston

Scriptures Mordesia Grizzell

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament – Romans 8:34-35

Solo Tyrone Dunlap

Reflections Terence Harris

Rev. Roosevelt Pinkston

Vincent Grizzell

Resolution Dr. Brian Grizzell

City Councilman-Elect, Jackson Mississippi

Obituary Phela Townsend

Solo Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy Rev. Reginald Townsend

Recessional Clergy & Family

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park

1900 Galloping Hill Rd, Kenilworth, NJ

God's Garden

God looked around his garden,
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you,
And lifted you to rest;
God's garden must be beautiful-He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain;
He knew you would never get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And hills were hard to climb
So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered,
"Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone,
For a part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Herman Grizzell** expresses gratitude and thanks for your support, prayers and other expressions of sympathy during this time of bereavement. May God continue to richly bless you.

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