

IN LOVING
MEMORY OF



HARRY INGRAM

Sunrise: December 24, 1952

Sunset: May 25, 2021

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

Abyssinian Baptist Church

224 West Kinney Street • Newark, New Jersey

OBITUARY

Harry Myers Ingram was born on December 24, 1952 to the late Clarence and Amy Ingram in Newark, New Jersey. He was the second oldest among seven children. Harry, who was often lovingly referred to as Pete or Pop-Pop, grew up in Newark, New Jersey. It was there that he came to be known as a sharp trendsetter who was very meticulous about his style and appearance. He was a suit and tie kind of guy that took extra care to tie his ties just right and to shine his shoes to perfection. As a young man, he attended and graduated from the Newark Public School System, receiving his high school diploma from Central High School and then later attended Ramapo College where he majored in Psychology. In 1975, "Pete" was joined in holy matrimony to Linda Thomas who he affectionally called "Lovey" and from that union, four beautiful children were born: Harry, Kyreesha, Jamah and Amiece.

"Pete" was a dedicated and extremely hard worker. He was an employee with the County of Essex as an Elections Investigator for nearly 17 years. After his departure from that position, he held several other positions in transportation, security and group home counseling. He was known to have had impeccable handwriting. He was very organized, professional, well spoken and loved by most employers and colleagues. He was often showered with gifts of gratitude and appreciation for his hard work and kindness. He also was an extremely intelligent man who knew a lot of things. His many years of education, professional and life experiences exposed him to information, people and places that further nurtured his intellect which he happily shared with his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Every moment was a "teachable" moment. To be sure you "got it," he would say, "you understand?" Pete was also no stranger to adversity. It takes a very brave man to be a diehard Washington Redskins fan in a Cowboys family while living in Giants territory. At home, his eldest son Harry was his fellow Indian while his youngest son Jamah was a renegade Cowboy along with many of his nephews. He enjoyed a variety of genres of music and managed to always keep up to date with "what's hot." His old favorites included the likes of the Delfonics and he loved Chaka Khan. Over the years he kept up with the evolving styles and trends in music. His current favorites included Rihanna and Fantasia. He caught every live performance Fantasia had and would fondly say, "That girl can sing!". He especially LOVED, "When I See You." That was his jam! You knew when his song came on the radio because he would say, "turn that up" and begin snapping his fingers. He was also a very avid tv and movie watcher. He loved any and everything to do with James Bond. He loved James Bond movies so much that his wife actually went into labor with his first daughter, Kyreesha, during a Bond movie premiere and he even nicknamed his youngest daughter, Amiece, Fatima Blush after a character in "Never Say Never Again."

"Pete" was a wonderful man with a witty sense of humor and a big spirit. His chuckle was contagious and you couldn't help but laugh along with him. He had a bunch of favorite sayings that would initiate laughter throughout the room. One that everyone has experienced at one time or another that would bring a room to tears cracking up laughing is "you f'ing ain't right." He would humor his children and nieces and nephews with swarms of laughter with, "is it all there, is it alive and well, and it always will be." His grandchildren got them all and they also got a few new ones made just for them. The all time favorite call and response for EVERYTHING was, "Who loves you, PAPA, and if you don't know, YOU BETTER ASK SOMEBODY, cause I play a lot of games, BUT THAT'S NOT ONE OF THEM. Lastly, Pete was a dedicated family man. Whether it was taking his mother on shopping sprees to every grocery or department store in the New York/New Jersey Metropolitan area or packing up all 4 of his children along with ALL of his nieces and nephews to go to the park or movies, Pete was that guy. He taught them to play various sports including football and basketball. He was a serious chess player. He taught many of his children and grandchildren to play. He deeply and endearingly loved his family. He was a positive example and role model to his entire family and friends as well as to innumerable people in the various neighborhoods he grew up and lived in. He will forever be remembered for his love of food. Pete loved to eat and took pleasure in enjoying various traditional West Indian and soul food dishes prepared by his family. He also was a great cook himself. His steak dinners were absolutely delicious. Another of his specialties that will be greatly missed is his lamb chops with garlic or baked potatoes coupled with a salad garnished with his homemade salad dressing. His entire family will most definitely miss his amazing continental breakfast which included his infamous home fries.

On May 25, 2021, while surrounded by his loving family, Harry entered eternal rest at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey. Our hearts will forever be filled with memories of "Pete" as a kind and dedicated son, a loving husband, a protective dad, a nurturing grandfather, supportive brother, thoughtful uncle, loyal friend, and an all around nice guy. After all the years of love, protection and building his legacy, our beloved patriarch leaves to cherish his memory his four devoted children; Harry Thomas (Trish), Kyreesha Thomas (Sahaid), Jamah Thomas (Aja) and Amiece Thomas; his loving sister Sheila Jones (Garfield); three sisters-in-law; Patricia "Patty" Gregory(Larry) Arzlen "Ducky" Beavers(Willie) and Linda Ingram (Michael). He also leaves to mourn his dearly beloved and greatly cherished grandchildren whom he loved with all his heart and fondly referred to as his "Indians and Nananamacs," ; Kyla Thomas, Quamese Toliver, Miyah White, Jamah "Jay" Thomas , Jada Thomas, Mylan White, Nasir Rogers, Mekhi White, Ja' Kai Thomas, NiKye Williams-Thomas, one great-grand daughter; Lotus Green and a host of nieces, nephews and close friends. His spirit has at last been reunited with his beautiful wife, Linda Ingram, beloved parents, Clarence and Amy Ingram, two brothers; Clarence "Terry" and Michael Ingram, three sisters, Bobbie Lee Ingram, Renee Griffin and Stella-Ann Poston.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

WHEN GREAT TREES FALL

Maya Angelou

When great trees fall, rocks on distant hills shudder, lions hunker down
in tall grasses, and even elephants lumber after safety.

When great trees fall in forests, small things recoil into silence,
their senses eroded beyond fear.

When great souls die, the air around us becomes light, rare, sterile.

We breathe, briefly.

Our eyes, briefly, see with a hurtful clarity.

Our memory, suddenly sharpened, examines,
gnaws on kind words unsaid, promised walks never taken.

Great souls die and our reality, bound to them, takes leave of us.

Our souls, dependent upon their nurture, now shrink, wizened. Our
minds, formed

and informed by their radiance, fall away.

We are not so much maddened as reduced to the unutterable ignorance of
dark, cold caves.

And when great souls die, after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always irregularly. Spaces fill

with a kind of soothing electric vibration. Our senses, restored, never to
be the same, whisper to us. They existed.

They existed. We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.

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