



*Celebrating the Life
of
Theodore Herman Wimberly*

**Sunrise
July 6, 1940**



**Sunset
July 16, 2021**



Obituary

Theodore H. Wimberly was born to the late Merritt Wimberly, Sr. and Ruth (Bates) Wimberly on July 6, 1940 in Paterson, New Jersey. Affectionately known as “Duck,” he received his education in the Paterson Public School system where he played football and ran track and field at Eastside High School. After graduating from Eastside High School in 1959, he went on to serve our country in the United States Air Force. A 1977 graduate of Rampapo College of New Jersey, Duck valued hard work and learning.

Upon returning home from the Air Force, he joined the staff at Nabisco Foods where he worked until his retirement in November, 2000. In April 1967, Duck married Shirley Cooper and became a father with the births of Theodore and Debra. He took great pride in being a grandfather to the apples of his eyes – Theodore “Teddy” and Camille Wimberly.

He always kept as camera close and dabbled in photography. An avid coin collector, he loved to share facts about coins to all who would listen and used his huge collection of coin books to sharpen his expertise. For years, Duck enjoyed taking day trips to meet his brother, Hayward, in Atlantic City and contributing to the New Jersey Lottery. Although he retired to Whiting, NJ, Paterson was always his home.

Theodore H. Wimberly departed this life on Friday, July 16, 2021. As the last living sibling, Duck’s passing closes a generational chapter but his love for family and friends lives on in the hearts of those he touched forever. He is predeceased by his parents, Merritt Sr. and Ruth (Bates) Wimberly; five brothers, Merritt “Junior,” Nathaniel, Edward “Stein,” James, and Hayward; two sisters, Lillian Wimberly Wade Keith and Alice Wimberly; and two devoted cousins, Mary Tourse and Henry William. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Shirley Wimberly, sister-in-law, Laddie Wimberly of Montclair, NJ; son, Theodore D. Wimberly (Adona) of Columbia, MD; daughter, Debra Wimberly (Gaithersburg, MD); grandson, Theodore D. “Teddy” Wimberly, Jr.; granddaughter, Camille Wimberly; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Monday, July 26, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

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Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Recessional

Interment

Cedar Lawn Cemetery

Paterson, New Jersey

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Theodore H. Wimberly** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

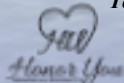
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