

In Loving Memory of
William Cratice

July 21, 1936 - August 31, 2021



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey
Minister Marques Aquil-Lewis, Officiating
Joshua Nelson, Organist

Obituary

Thank you all for being here today.

I know daddy William is looking down right now on this and us, and I truly believe he knows how loved he was. Daddy William would have loved all this attention. What can we say about this world's most excellent Stepdad/husband? Daddy William was honorable; he was kind, he was loving and giving. He was an amazing husband who cared with a passion, unlike anything that we have ever seen. He loved to dress and look good. He loved expensive suits, loved roses, and money. He was very dedicated to his wife. He would sit outside and wait for her to come home or won't get to bed until his wife was home safe. He worked in the military and transferred to his work as a security guard. He thought he had a good sense of humor, but boy, it was dry, and we used to laugh out loud anyway. He was a pastor who loved sharing God's words. When he stopped preaching, he would buy bibles and daily bread to give away. He was a faithful man of God.

To his Wife, when times were tough, he told her daily to keep stepping. He worked hard at everything he put his hands on and created magic. He touched so many. He was an incredible man. He loved life, and he loved his wife, his family so much. We know that we have all heard this before, and we haven't realized it until now, that Life is a lot shorter than any of us recognize, and we don't know what we have until it's gone.

Daddy William was a great man and husband, and we miss him terribly. We love the time that we spent with him; whether it be storytelling about his Marine CORP days, there were always lessons to be had. When he told stories, he captivated a room. Daddy William was simply the most incredible man we ever knew. He was an awesome husband, an amazing father to us kids, a wonderful grandfather, a great friend. He taught us so many life lessons. We never stop moving and try to stay busy with him. Sadly, he is gone, but we know he is not in pain now, and now he is getting funky like a monkey with the angels in heaven.

We miss you, Dad. We love you, Billy. You are and forever will be our hero. God loved you, and now you're home. We will see you again someday. Thank you, Daddy William/Billy!

And to my family. Luke 1:37 says, "For, with God, nothing shall be impossible." If we as a family can trust God, we can and will get through anything. While on the ride called life, you have to take the good with the bad, smile when you are sad, love what you've got, and remember what you had. Always forgive, and forget. Learn from your mistakes but never regret them. People change. Things go wrong. Just remember, the ride goes on.

I love you guys, and I love you, Daddy William

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

Entombment

Woodbridge Memorial Gardens

Woodbridge, 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

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