

In Loving Memory of
Burnell S. Semple



Sunrise: June 28, 1939
Sunset: December 27, 2021

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Today we honor, respect and remember our loving father who touch and enriched all of our lives in so many ways.

Burnell Standley Semple born on the 28th of June 1939 in San Nicholas, Aruba to the late Albertha and Kingsley Semple. He was the husband of Muriel Semple. A very devoted and loving father to Keith, Linden, Timolyn, Nichelle, Onika, Doreen, Rodwell, Travis, Shawn Rebbie and Monifa, Loving brother of Moluette, Emsley, Patsy, Claude, Zelda, Cicely and Vaulda. He is preceded in death by the late Doreen, Herbert and Janet.

Burnell migrated from Aruba and resided in Hopetown Village on the West Coast of Berbice. He was educated at the Hopetown congregational school and worked at Guyana Electricity Co-Operation (GEC) for many years to provide for his family.

He departed this earth on the 27th of December 2021 in Newark, New Jersey.

Burnell known to many as Sherrif, Chalkie or to most of Shephard Avenue as "Pops" or Grandpa. Burnell was the most kind hearted jovial individual you could ever know. Anyone who met him quickly knew that they would always be laughter to be shared. it was impossible to spend time with him without enjoying a gut busting laugh at some point in the conversation. Burnell migrated to USA and lived with his daughter for 12 years.

Burnell was surrounded by his grandchildren that he enjoyed. Everyday was filled with fun and laughter. He would not only be missed by his close relatives but by everyone who he came in contact with. He will continue to live in our hearts and memories. may his soul rest in peace.

Order of Service

Entrance Music

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn: The Lord is my Shephard

Prayer

Tributes

Family and Friends

1st Scripture Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3-1:4 - Tajanel Newton

Prayer: Monifa Dhainy

Eulogy

Daughter: Onica Semple

2nd Scripture Lesson: Thessalonians 4:14-17

Granddaughter : Mahalya Dhainy

Hymn: It is well with my soul

Message: Rev. Edward Allen

Prayer of Comfort: Rev. Edward Allen

Closing Hymn: " Because he lives"

Graveside Hymn: " In the Sweet by and by"

Interment

Hopetown Village
West Coast Berbice, Guyana

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



Acknowledgement

*The Family of the late **Burnell Standley Semple** wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, phone calls visits and many other form of condolences extended to us during our time of bereavement. We thank you for your love and support and pray that God will continue to bless and keep you. Thank you the Semple Family.*

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