

IN LOVING MEMORY  
**WILLIAM M. RANDOLPH**

A portrait of William M. Randolph, a middle-aged Black man with a mustache, wearing a white suit jacket, white shirt, and a striped tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background of the portrait is a warm, reddish-orange gradient. Two white doves are flying on either side of his head, their wings spread. The entire portrait is set against a larger background of a blue sky with white clouds at the top and a bright, golden-yellow sunburst or sunrise/sunset glow at the bottom.

Sunrise: November 13, 1934  
Sunset: January 6, 2022

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022 - 3:00 P.M.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Minister Larry Taylor, Officiating*

*Emory Lee, Organist*

# OBITUARY

William M. Randolph (Randy) was born to the late Zach and Betty Randolph on November 13, 1934 in New Bern, North Carolina. He was educated in the New Bern public school system. At a young age, he accepted Christ and joined St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Even as an adult, he would often look forward to visiting his home church when he returned home.

After graduating from high school, he served in the Korean War. Upon being discharged, he settled in Newark, NJ.

In New Jersey, Randy was employed as a truck driver and professional truck washer. In his free time, he enjoyed long distance driving, visiting family and making those around him laugh. He was well-known in the neighborhood and looked forward to the annual block party each year.

Randy was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the Whitehouse Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Randy leaves to cherish his memory: his longtime companion, Ruth Redding of Newark, NJ; one daughter Valerie Jones of Virginia; and one son, Eric (Estelle) Redding of Owings Mills, Maryland.

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!”  
– 2 Corinthians 5:17*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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Selection

Reflections

Acknowledgements & Reading of the Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

INTERMENT  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, NJ

# THE TRAIN OF LIFE

“At birth, we board the train and meet our parents, and we believe they will always travel by your side.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life.

However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum.

Some, however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realise they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down.

So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you all a joyful journey.” Unknown

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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