



My Dear Husband

God sent MY DEAR HUSBAND into my life
He knew that one day I'd be his wife
We sang in the Tabernacle Choir together
On many Sundays and regardless of weather
We married on a hot summer day
We wanted our own home and God made a way
We cared for our ill parents which wasn't easy
Some things we had to do made us queasy
God gave us strength we didn't know we had
They went to heaven and our hearts were glad
Bruce was a people person, not an introvert like me
With God in our lives our hearts were so free
We hoped to fill our home with the patter of little feet
25 years later God sent Sirron for us to meet
We fell in love with his charm and sweet face
Our tidy home was never the same place
Through the years Bruce had many health troubles
Caring for his garden brought him joy in doubles
With his Faithful pet, Jacque, by his side
His love and devotion he just couldn't hide
Bruce buried his sister in July of last year
I didn't know his following would be so near
I will miss MY DEAR HUSBAND of 37 years
Only God and time will lessen my tears
You're singing in God's Heavenly Choir now
We'll sing together again, MY DEAR HUSBAND,
Only God knows when and how

Tearfully, by Florence Cunningham

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness
shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!

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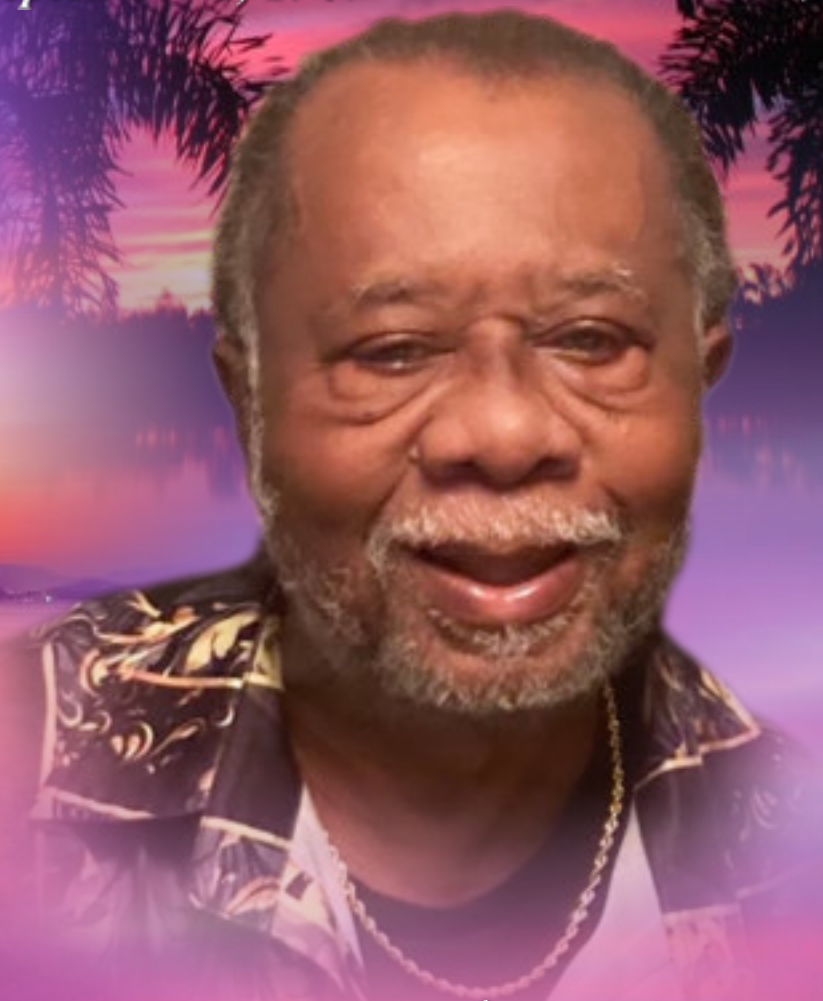


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IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Bruce Cunningham*

Sunrise
September 1, 1947

Sunset
December 30, 2021



2 Timothy 4:7-8

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the
faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not
to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

Home Going Service

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 • 11:00 a.m.

Metropolitan Baptist Church
149 Springfield Avenue • Newark, NJ 07103
Rev. Dr. David. Jefferson Sr., Officiating

Obituary

Bruce was born on September 1, 1947 in Newark, New Jersey to Arnie and James Cunningham. He was the fourth of six children born of this union; the last two did not survive infancy.

Bruce attended Oliver Street Elementary School in Newark, and graduated from East Side High School in 1965. Later he earned certificates in accounting and finance from New York University.

Following high school Bruce acquired an extensive work history beginning with Swift and Company. After leaving New Jersey and moving to New York, he worked for the New York Dental School for a short period of time. Most of his work experience was in customer service at Verizon, Wachovia Bank, Aetna, and Vergoff Wiliams and Associates. There were brief stints at Coldwell Bankers as a realtor and telemarketing at Excel. Following his illness and Dialysis treatment, Bruce worked briefly delivering packages for UPS and then ended his career after receiving a kidney transplant.

It was while Bruce was in his late twenties that he accepted the Lord as his savior during a service at Bethel Gospel Tabernacle Church. His life changed forever. He began his singing ministry with the “Tabernacle Choir,” and worked part-time at the church’s credit union. There he met Mercedes, who introduced him to her co-worker, Florence Pacheco, who would become his wife. Bruce continued to sing in choirs at various churches throughout his life. His favorite was “Make a Joyful Sound” Choir at Bayside Community Church in Lakewood Ranch, Florida.

Bruce was often called the “Black Gypsy,” because he moved around a lot. Following his Newark departure he lived in lower Manhattan, Jamaica, Queens, Central Islip, Hempstead, and Kew Gardens, all in NY. Later he lived in Columbia, SC, Franklin Park, NJ and Lakewood Ranch, Florida.

It was while living in Florida that Bruce developed a love for gardening. He was well known in his Indigo Community for his lovely landscaping skills and the pleasure he derived from sharing landscaping tips, often giving away plant samples.

Bruce loved children and was overjoyed when he and his wife adopted Sirron in 2010. He was a fatherly figure to many of his nieces, nephews, and younger cousins. He was also loved and admired by nieces, nephews and cousins on his wife’s side of the family as well.

Bruce was a people person who spent hours each day connecting with family and friends on Facebook. He was very close to his sister, Cheryle, whom he buried in July 2021. During his extended stay in Newark, following Cheryle’s death, he was happy to reconnect with family and friends that he hadn’t seen in years. It was during this extended stay that the Lord called Bruce home.

Bruce was predeceased by his parents, Arnie and Jimmy Cunningham, his siblings, James, Jr., Cheryle, Walter, Mark, and Linda and his nephew Linc. He leaves to mourn him his wife, Florence, his son Sirron, his nephew Andre, his niece Heather, his aunt Bertha Griffin and a host of cousins, and other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

- Processional
- Hymn..... Franklin Crockett (Friend Of Family)
- Scripture Reading
 - Old Testament..... Benjamin Pacheco (Brother-in-law)
 - New Testament Jessie Nunery (Nephew)
- Prayer Of Consolation..... Elder Darryl Best (Friend Of Family)
- Hymn
- Acknowledgements
 - Remarks Eddie Miller (Cousin)
 - Anasa Maat (Cousin)
 - Franklin Crockett (Friend/Choir Director)
- Obituary Heather Harlin (Niece)
- Hymn
- Eulogy Rev. Dr. David Jefferson Sr. Esq., Pastor
- Benediction
- Recessional

Interment
Glendale Cemetery
28 Hoover Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003