

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
John R. Harrell

Sunrise: February 24, 1952
Sunset: January 9, 2022



FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.
Immanuel Love Fellowship Center
176 Mt. Pleasant Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

OBITUARY

Elder John R. Harrell, Pastor of Refuge of Hope Mission in Newark, NJ, was born in Jacksonville, Florida on February 24, 1952 to the late John and Trudell Harrell. John went home to the Lord on Sunday, January 9, 2022 after he had conducted his final Zoom service with his congregation.

Elder John Harrell was passionate about the Word of God and truly loved the Lord. He received the Lord as his savior after a “God-ordained” encounter with the Late Reverend James Underhill, founder and former pastor of Refuge of Hope Mission. One day, while in need of car repair, Elder Harrell found himself at a Mobil Service Station where he met the Late Rev. James Underhill. A friendship developed and he would later attend Bible study and prayer in Rev. Underhill’s home and it was during one of these meetings he received Jesus Christ as his Lord and personal savior. He became a member of the church and was licensed to preach the Gospel in 1978. Once the church was firmly established he transitioned to Union Chapel C.O.G.I.C under the leadership of the Late Pastor Jasper Andrews and was ordained an Elder in 1990. He continued his membership under the current Pastor, James Holmes until June 2005 when he accepted the position of Pastor of Refuge of Hope Mission.

Elder Harrell was educated in the Paterson and Newark school systems. He received his Bachelor of Theology degree from the United Bible College and Seminary of Orlando, Florida. Elder Harrell was employed with The Best Foods Company which later became Unilever. There he worked for thirty-five years, retiring as a Sr. Lab Technician in the Research and Development Department working on various product lines such as Hellman’s, Knorr, etc. (The next time you purchase Knorr you maybe purchasing one of his formulations.)

Elder Harrell enjoyed spending his time fishing. John was an excellent cook who always boasted of “people standing in line for his sweet potato pie.” However, outside of the Lord, the greatest love of his life was his grandchildren. He relished spoiling them and his heart’s desire was to always see them “happy” so whatever they wanted, in most cases he made sure they got it. Just as he loved them, they devotedly loved him. He was definitely their “PaPa”. Brandon, his only offspring, was greatly loved by him. Quiet as it’s kept or maybe not so quiet he spoiled him as well.

Leaving to cherish his memory are his brothers, Cleotha and Alonzo Harrell (Jacksonville, FL); his sisters, Pearl White and Juanita Frazier (East Orange, NJ); his son, Brandon Harrell and ex-wife Anna Harrell; his grandchildren, Jonathan Zachariah Harrell, Miciah Stefanie Howell and Zaihmir Howell; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Elder John R. Harrell was preceded in death by his father and mother John and Trudell Harrell, three brothers Michael, Donald and Alver Harrell.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Prayer of Comfort - Bishop Kenneth S. Davall, Sr.

Scriptural Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 16: 7-11

New Testament - 1st Thess 4:13-18

Musical Selection

Sheila Slappy-Womack, Soloist

Robin Bond, Musician

Reading of Acknowledgements & Obituary - Carol Black

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Bishop Kenneth S. Davall, Sr.

Benediction

Recessional

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Repast

Immediately following the Internment

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176 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Newark, NJ



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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