

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
JOSEPH I. NELSON



Sunrise:  
December 4, 1926

Sunset:  
June 2, 2023

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023 - 11:00 AM

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

# OBITUARY

Today we are gathered to celebrate the long and remarkable life of JOSEPH ISADORE NELSON – Mass Joe, our kind and loving person!

He was born in Jamaica on December 4th 1926 and he departed June 2nd 2023, at the of 96.

He was married to his life partner, Merlyn Nelson, whom he affectionately called “Miss Merlyn” for 63 years, whom he loved and cherished to the very end. They shared 7 children, DONOVAN, DAYLA FREDRIKA, JONATHAN, GEORGIA, CLAUDIA and NADIA, 22 Grandchildren and 16 Great Grandchildren.

He worked at the Duckenfield Sugar Factory for several years, showing his fitness and agility, where he rode his bicycle to and from work daily. He, however, was a Farmer at heart! His passion for Farming, extended beyond farming the land, where he grew a variety of crops, he raised animals. He and his wife also had a chicken farm that not only served their family but served the wider community as well.

Joseph has a truly infectious laughter and greets everyone with a warm smile! One could always count on him giving a word of encouragement and as Auntie Dayla, who is unable to be with us today, recounted, he would always remind her, that there’s a light at the end of the tunnel, which she has proven to be the case.

A true family man, and a constant presence, who was always at home. He adored his family but most of all, he cherished his wife. He took great care of his family. It brought him great joy to whenever his children and grandchildren would call or visit. Echoed by his children, he was a good father and as a grandfather, he was great!

As we say goodbye to our dearest Mass Joe, we’re reminded that he was a selfless man and I know he would like us all be selfless right now. Please encourage and support each other in his memory, as we attempt to figure out life without him!

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

INTERMENT  
Forest Green Park Cemetery  
Marlboro, New Jersey

*Repass will be held at THE MAIN ROOM*

*200 Main Street*

*Orange, NJ 07050*

# PSALM 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside still waters; He restoreth my  
Soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for  
His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the  
Valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for  
Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff the comfort  
Me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of  
mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup  
runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord forever

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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