



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Roland D. Cassey*

*Sunrise*  
*June 20, 1960*

*Sunset*  
*August 8, 2023*



*Celebration of Life*  
*Wednesday, August 16, 2023 • 11:00 a.m.*

**Krowicki Gorny Memorial Home**  
211 Westfield Avenue • Clark, New Jersey 07066

## Obituary

On August 8, 2023, **Roland D. Cassey** departed this life for eternity, following a brief illness. Roland was the firstborn child of Sandra Adcock and Roland Cassey Hall on June 20, 1960 in East Orange, NJ. He was educated in the East Orange Public School System. Later, the family relocated to Newark, NJ. In 1996 Roland settled into his forever home in Roselle, NJ. Roland was always a hard and dedicated worker. He joined AirBorne Express in 1988 as a driver until the company was acquired by DHL Express (USA), where he continued as a professional driver for a combined 35 years.

He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Over the years, Roland enjoyed bowling in a league, fishing with cousins and friends, attending family gatherings, taking his young cousins out to movies, dining out with friends and family, watching boxing and football, listening to music and singing along, cracking jokes and laughing at someone else's joke. He liked a great conversation and exchanging ideas with others. He appreciated good food and great cooks. His watch collection reveals a keen fondness for craftsmanship and, music was at the core of his being. From the time he was a child, he began collecting music. The Jackson 5 was a favorite and he still has their vinyl albums among many others in his collection. Roland had a knack for finding the best sounds in genres from R&B to jazz and could mix a CD to make you wind up with pleasure or wind down with ease. Got a taste for something? "I know this spot..." Roland got around and would always find a great eatery to test out in his travels. If you're talking about sports, don't even mention the Cowboys unless you want a Giant retort. But his favorite pastime of all was just being at home and experiencing all that home means: comfort, safety, security and love. Roland loved family, held his ancestors dear and had a special respect for the women who nurtured him. Only months earlier, he talked about how much he appreciated a conversation he had with his aunt, Lizzie, years ago. How much her words resonated. How smart she was. He also loved children and pets and they loved him. He could be found grooming and stroking the family cats until their attention quota was satisfied. Roland was a gentle guy. Polite to others. Respectful. Mannerly. He was so quiet he could've been a Ninja. He wasn't fazed by much. He once responded to the screams coming from a childhood friend's upstairs apartment. After entering the bedroom, he peeped back out and asked for a broom and a jar and then returned to the bedroom, closing the door behind him. After a brief period, Roland reemerged, handed over the jar with a smirk, and returned downstairs to his own apartment. It would be decades later, though, when the same Roland, who came to the 'bat rescue' and somehow caught a real live one that he put in that jar, was seen leaping from bed to escape a tiny spider. He was self-sufficient. He knew his way around the kitchen and could whip up some nice-looking dishes when he wanted to. He was a dear brother and son who never complained. He held up his end and never made demands on others or expected others to live up to his ideals. He let you be you because he knew how to move in his own space without intrusion. And if you touched his stuff, he would know and you would know he knew.



"It is what it is" was his favorite expression and world view. Roland D. Cassey was pre-deceased by his beloved parents, Sandra Lee Adcock and Roland Alfred (Cassey) Hall. Left to cherish the precious memories of Roland are his beloved sister, Renee Hall, as well as a host of cherished aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

*Order of Service*

Processional .....Clergy & Family

Hymn of Comfort..... Blessed Assurance

Invocation

Scriptures:

Old Testament..... Psalm 23

New Testament ..... John 14:1-6

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

## *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!*

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