

## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.

-author 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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## *Celebrating the Life of*



*William C. Ratcliffe*

Sunrise  
May 20, 1943

Sunset  
September 30, 2023

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 - 5:00 PM

**Cotton Funeral Service**  
1025 Bergen St. • Newark, New Jersey



*Interment*  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

William C. Ratcliffe, best known to his loved ones as Wegee, received his invitation to enter the Golden Gates of Heaven on Saturday September 30th, 2023, at the age of 80.

A quiet yet energetic man of life, Wegee was born on May 20th, 1943, in Laurinburg North Carolina. He migrated to the City of Newark and attended the Woodland Trade School with a major in Maintenance and Plumbing.

Wegee was the supportive strength to his late Mother, Eva Leak Ellerbee, putting the betterment of his siblings' lives ahead of his own - brothers Angelo Ellerbee and Glen Smith, sisters Rose, Yvonne and Gloria Ellerbee and the late Reatha Ellerbee.

Dedicated and committed to his loving wife Audrey, who stood by his side for the past 28 years, they honored their wedding vows - for better or for worse, in sickness and in health until the day that God calls one of them home.

A quiet and serene man when it came to expressing love verbally, Wegee showed it through his actions. The internal love he had for his children spoke volumes - his daughter Yolanda Coleman, who preceded him to the Upper Room. His surviving children Felicia Shipman, Lkeisha Ratcliffe, Trisheman Ratcliffe, William Lamar Smallwood, Rakeima Mitchell and Rasheedah Brown; Grandchildren Kiazsha Richardson, Deitrick Mitchell (deceased), Rashaun Brown, and Jaylin Bouldin, three great-grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews.

From Weege, "If I die today the world owes me nothing, for I have lived my life to the fullest."

From Wegee's siblings, "Our brother Wegee will always be the cornerstone of our lives. He raised us to stand on a solid foundation in life, to walk with confidence and integrity - no matter what".

"Joy and pain, are like sunshine and rain"

Frankie Beverly.

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