

"His firmness shaped us, his care sustained us, and his love will guide us always."

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF **RAMEAU JOSEPH**

February 4th, 1937 – August 31st, 2025



Saturday, September 13th, 2025
Viewing 8am | Service at 10am

Charles A. West Funeral & Cremation Service LLC
34 East 25th Street, Bayonne NJ 07002

Order of Service

Opening Song “See Yourself When All Is New” (Song 139)

Opening Prayer Br. Chris James

Obituary Reading Billy Joseph

Memorial Discourse..... Dirwin Reid

Closing Song “Life Without End – At Last!” (Song 140)

Closing Prayer Br. Daniel Francois

Farewell Glance (Family & Friends)

Interment

Bay View Cemetery

Garfield Ave &, Cator Ave, Jersey City, NJ

Prayer - Dirwin Reid

Immediately following the Service



Opening Song
See Yourself When All Is New" (Song 139)
(Revelation 21:1-5)

*1. Just see yourself, just see me too;
Just see us all in a world that is new.
Think how you'll feel, how it will be,
To live in peace, to be truly free.
No evil one will then prevail;
Rule by our God cannot ever fail.
The time will have come for a new earthly start,
The song of our praises
will pour out from our heart:*

(CHORUS)

*"We thank you, our God, for all you have done.
All things are new by the rule of your Son.
The fullness of our heart overflows in our song;
All glory and honor and praise to you belong."*

*2. Now see yourself, and see me too;
And look ahead to a world that is new.
No sight we see, no sound we hear
Will cause alarm or give rise to fear.
All has come true, just as he said;
Now over mankind, his tent is spread.
He now will awaken those sleeping in death;
Their voices will join ours with
ev'ry grateful breath:*

(CHORUS)

Obituary

Rameau Joseph was a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to many. He was the pillar of the Joseph family and an outstanding example of hard work and responsibility. For all who were blessed to have known him, his loss is indescribable, and he will be missed dearly.

Born on February 4th, 1937, in Ravine Blanche, Haiti, to parents Régulus Joseph and "Marie" Imène Germain, Rameau was the second of ten children: Tival Joseph (deceased), Rameau Joseph, Ghislene Joseph, Monique Joseph, Dominique Joseph (deceased), Catrine Joseph (deceased), Mercedes Joseph (deceased), Jean-Ilores Joseph (deceased), Marie-Claude Joseph, and Jean-Albert Joseph.

Rameau's journey was one of hard work and perseverance. During the Vietnam War era, when the military draft pulled millions of young men out of the U.S. civilian labor force, there were significant disruptions and labor shortages in many industries, including manufacturing. It was during this time that an opportunity arose for Rameau – a skilled ironworker and welder – to immigrate to the U.S in 1970. He subsequently brought his then-wife, Marcelle Cantave Joseph (deceased), and their children, Claude, Fadia, and Eddy, to Jersey City, NJ. Later, he also helped bring first son Reymond and his siblings to the U.S. Rameau and Marcelle separated in 1977 and divorced in 1985.

Rameau met Christa Jerome in January 1984, who had just moved to the country from Haiti and was staying with friends in the same building, just a few doors down. They crossed paths one fateful day when Christa's friend needed to retrieve lost luggage from the airport but couldn't drive due to snow and icy conditions. Rameau, being the man he was, offered to help and drove both women to the airport. Christa later moved to Brooklyn with her close friends, but Rameau kept in touch and eventually won her over with his kindness and charisma. The two wed in 1985. Through that union, Billy and Christina were born. James, who was living with his grandmother in Haiti at the time, soon followed and joined the family.

He dedicated over 30 years, often working the night shift, in his career as an industrial engineer – utilizing his skills as an ironworker and welder – where he was known for his integrity and commitment.

He was deeply involved in his community. Although never baptized, he regularly attended Christian meetings with his wife. As the patriarch of his family, he recognized the importance of faith and guiding principles, encouraging his wife and children to study with the Witnesses – first with the Elizabeth French congregation circa 1987, and later with the Jersey City South English Congregation circa 1993. Rameau warmly addressed congregation members as “My Brother” and “My Sister,” always lending a helping hand to neighbors and friends, and famously opening the family’s backyard as a community pool for local children and families.

Rameau’s passions included gardening, storytelling, and building creative crafts for his loved ones using his welding skills. He took pride in passing down family traditions and the values of hard work, education, persistence, and generosity.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Christa; eight children: Reymond, Claude, Fadia, Eddy, James, Billy, and Christina (husband Daniel). His surviving siblings include Ghislene, Monique, Marie-Claude, and Jean-Albert. He also leaves behind a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family members who cherish his memory.

He leaves a legacy of love and perseverance that will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

*“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,
but by the moments that take our breath away.” – Maya Angelou*



Closing Song
Life Without End—At Last!" (Song 140)
(John 3:16)

*1.Can you see with your mind's eye,
Peoples dwelling together?
Sorrow has passed. Peace at last!
Life without tears or pain.*

(CHORUS)

*Sing out with joy of heart!
You too can have a part.
Live for the day when you'll say,
"Life without end, at last!"*

*2.In those days all will be young,
All at peace with Jehovah.
Troubles are gone, from now on,
No need to weep or fear.*

(CHORUS)

*3.Paradise all will enjoy
As we sing of God's glory.
Long as we live, we will give
Honor and praise to God.*



Acknowledgement

The family of **Rameau Joseph** acknowledges with sincere appreciation the visits, messages, prayers, cards, floral tributes and other expressions of kindness during this time of bereavement.



Repast Details

*Family and friends are invited to the repast at the
Polish American Home
27-31 W 22nd St, Bayonne, NJ 07002
1pm-4pm*

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