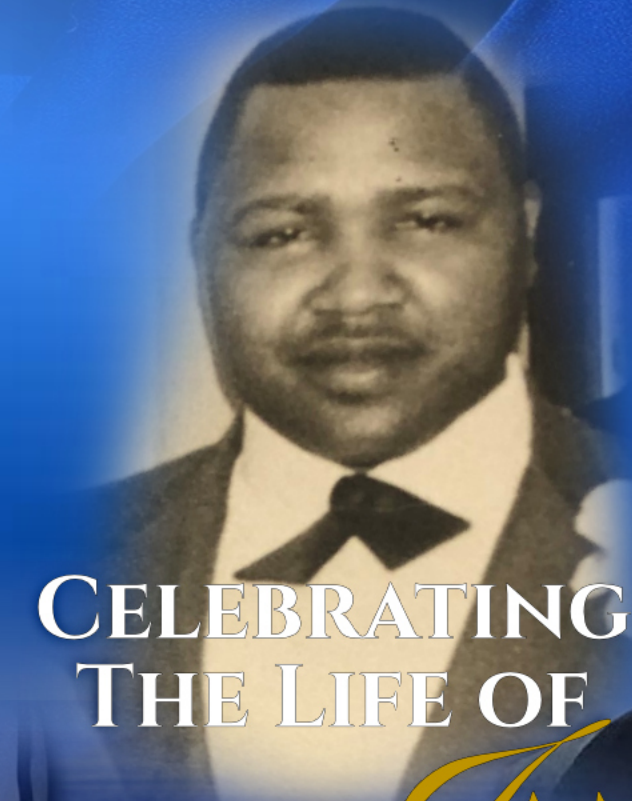




CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF

JAMES
PERNELL PALMER

August 10, 1934 - December 26, 2020

Service

Wednesday, January 6, 2020

Funeral Service: 12:00 noon

THE FERGUSON-RAYAM FUNERAL HOME

80 Midland Avenue • Wallington, NJ 07057

Elder Alvin Hixon, Presiding

Pastor Carl J. Crawford, Eulogist

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer of Consolation

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Pastor Carl J. Crawford

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Life Reflections

James Pernell Palmer was born August 10, 1934 the son of the late Frank Palmer and Martha (Tyler) Palmer of Williamsburg, VA. Of 15 brothers and 5 sisters, he was the surviving of 4 brothers and 4 sisters when he passed December 26, 2020.

He was educated in York County School System. He worked for United Crane as a mechanic, then many years at New Jersey Transit, as a diesel mechanic until his retirement in 1997. Besides being a mechanic, James was an avid gardener at home and his mother-in-law's. He produced fruits and all kind of vegetables for family and friends.

James attended and supported Shelter Temple True Holiness Church, Apostolic in Elizabeth NJ in many ways. He was a Trustee for over ten years and care taker for many more.

Often called Pernell or Pop by many that knew him, he exemplified love and honesty. He was one to tell you how he felt and was very opinionated. Pop fondly asked questions like "Are you crazy" or "Are you eating Fruit Loops" Though he had a gruff voice at times, he was one of the kindest and loveable people, who would do anything for you. He will be sorely missed.

James was married to beloved Jessie Mae (Taylor) Palmer 56 years. Children include, Ethel Taylor Ratliff, James Wilson (Vallery) and pre deceased Afonder Chase (Michael). He leaves to cherish his memory, three brothers, Darnelle Palmer (Novella), Willie Mason and Sam Palmer and four sisters, Julia Brooks, Virginia Palmer, Josephine Palmer and Mary Jane Walker, a host of grands, nieces, nephews and great grands. Also, many who felt a connection to Pop like family. Amongst friends, a special longtime childhood friend, Horace Jones.

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!*

An Expression Of Gratitude

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

Love, The Family



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