

In Loving Memory of
Roy Ellington Allen



Sunrise
December 31, 1926

Sunset
February 25, 2012

Saturday, March 10, 2012 - 9:30 a.m.

ELIZABETH AVENUE-WEEQUAHIC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*761 Elizabeth Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07112*

Obituary

Roy Ellington Allen was born on December 31st 1926 to Ephraim and Ida Allen in Kingston, Jamaica.

Roy attended school in Kingston and went on to study carpentry and cabinetmaking. He took pride in designing and building custom furniture, frames and other objects. It was one of his true passions and creative gifts.

In the early 1950's, he emigrated to London, England and was employed as a carpenter for various construction companies that specialized in rebuilding the city after World War 2. He proudly worked on the Bank of England building, Houses of Parliament, and other landmarks.

In 1956, he met a young nursing student named Erna Forbes (Verna) who he courted with flowers, letters and visits to her nursing school in Romford, Essex where she studied. It was not an unusual sight to see Roy approaching with gigantic, elegant flower bouquets and other gifts on visits that in those days took hours to make, even though the visits lasted only a half-day, sometimes less.

1959 was the year that she said "yes", and they were married on November 21 of that year.

Roy and Erna emigrated to the United States in 1964 with daughter Carla and settled in Newark, then Edison New Jersey. In 1965 Roy and Erna became members of the Weequahic Presbyterian Church where they remain members. And, in 1966, they welcomed son Craig. During this time, Roy began construction work with the Carpenter's Local Union # 1342. In these early years, Roy decided to further his education at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) while working full-time, and earned his certificate in Civil Engineering.

After receiving his certification, Roy began to phase out full-time construction and became an owner of residential properties that he owned and maintained for many years. He put his love and skills into his buildings and apartments, and developed a reputation for the craftsmanship and quality displayed in each unit as they entered and exited the real estate market.

In 2000, he sold the last of his buildings and retired as a full-time landlord, and became a full-time granddad to Cheyenne, Sage, Cairo and Akiva.

During this time, he enjoyed traveling with Erna and sometimes the entire family, doing carpentry jobs for family and friends - and taking and distributing photographs, his lifelong hobby.

In 2005, Roy and Erna lost their son Craig to cancer. It was a blow that affected Roy in profound ways. But, despite the physical and spiritual pain, Roy remained an example of strength, patience, resilience, kindness and a fighting spirit.

On February 25th, 2012, Roy passed peacefully to eternal rest at home, surrounded by loved ones.

He is survived by Erna, his wife of 52 years, his daughter Carla Ceasar (Allen), son-in-law Raleigh Ceasar, daughter-in-law Alicia Allen (Lewis): granddaughter Cheyenne and grandsons Sage, Cairo and Akiva. Roy is also survived by his sister Hyacinth, as well as cousins, nieces, nephews and countless friends.

Roy is gone, but will never be forgotten. And, for those of us who believe in the saving grace of our Lord, we know we will see him again.

Order of Service

Prelude*Mr. Bob Richardson*

Processional

Hymn of Praise “*We’ve Come This Far by Faith*” (insert)

Prayer.....*Rev. Doris Peterson*

Old Testament - Isaiah 40:28-31*Mr. Trevor Davidson*

New Testament - Ephesians 3:14-21*Ms. Cheryl Forbes*

Solo Selection..... “*Grace Like Rain*” *Mrs. Alicia Allen*
(*Ms. Soo Cha - piano*)

Acknowledgements

Obituary*Mrs. Carla Allen Ceasar*

Hymn..... “*My Hope is Built On Nothing Less*”

Remarks*Open to the Congregation*

The Lord’s Prayer

Eulogy..... *Rev. Doris Peterson*

Recessional Hymn “*Soon And Very Soon*” (insert)

***Committal service will take place at the cemetery
immediately following the church service.***

Interment

Hollywood Cemetery

Union, New Jersey

***Repast will be held at Elizabeth Avenue-Weequahic Presbyterian
Church immediately following the cemetery service.***

Pall Bearers

Akiva Allen (honorary)

Sebert Anglin

Sage Ceasar

Cairo Allen

Edwin Barber, Jr.

Raleigh Ceasar, Jr.

Keith Forbes, Jr.

Acknowledgement

Thank you to everyone who has helped to share with us in this time of sorrow. Words cannot express our deep sense of gratitude for your words of comfort, assurance and condolences. Your thoughts will always remain in our hearts.

Thank you and God bless you.

The Allen and Ceasar family.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.



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