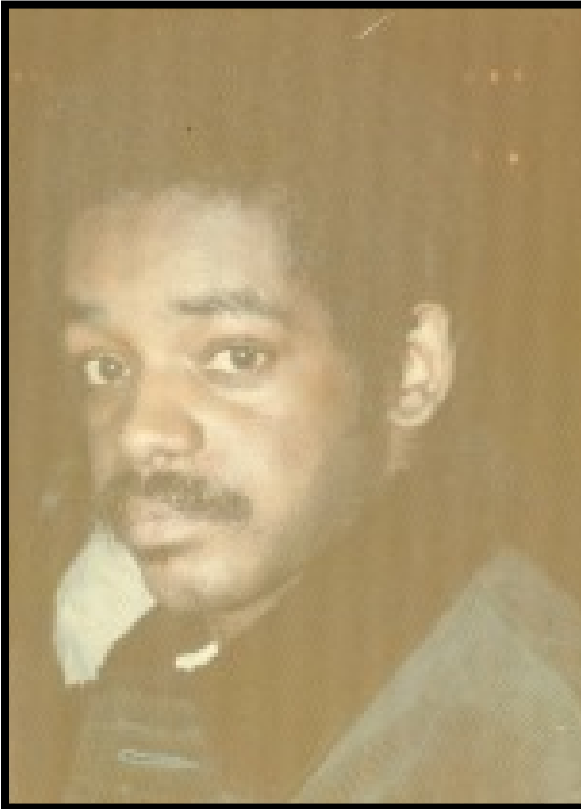


Celebrating the Life  
of  
**Howard I. Ashby**

*Sunrise*  
May 29, 1942

*Sunset*  
October 31, 2013



**Services**

*Friday, November 15, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.*

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*Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins, Officiating*

# Obituary

So very long ago, two young, wonderful people from near and far came to worship in Mt. Sinai Church. It was there that they first met - Lorester Ashby and Marjorie Humphries. Although they both are now departed, this fateful encounter eventually led to a marriage union that lasted sixty-five years and it was from this union that their first son, came forth.

**Howard Ashby** was born on May 29, 1942 in Newark, NJ. He was the first of the six Ashby brothers, David, Wayne, Rodney, Jay and Dean. In his early years Howard was an outstanding athlete. With his left handed deftness, he easily outperformed his pals, his brothers, and his classmates in all sports. When teams were chosen, he was always the first one to be picked. He played basketball, football and was especially skilled on the baseball diamond. He was an avid baseball fan. Even after all these years, he still possessed his favorite baseball glove and ball which he stored in his dresser.

Howard attended South Eight Street School. From there he continued onto Irvington Technical High School from which he graduated in 1960. After graduating, he worked as a machinist for a small tool and die company in Newark. He also posed a strong love and passion for reading the daily newspaper. For Howard, getting his newspaper was a near obsession. "Howie" (as he was affectionately called by all his friends and family) also loved Jazz music. He acquired a very large Jazz collection. He would listened to his favorite Jazz artist long into the night.

After high school and for reasons unknown, Howie entered a long period in his life which was marked with depression and withdrawal. In spite of these dark years, Howie was always quick to offer and return a friendly smile.

Howard leaves to mourn his passing his five brothers, two sisters-in-law, Brenda and Francella Ashby; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Seating of Family .....Funeral Director

Hymn of Comfort ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 139:1-10

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Remarks (two minutes please) ..... Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

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Solo..... Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins

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Committal

Recessional..... Clergy and Family

**Cremation (Held Privately)**

Rosedale Crematory

Orange, New Jersey

## **The Chain Will Link Again**

*Little did we know that evening,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.  
You left us beautiful memories,  
your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
you are always by our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.*

*-Author unknown*

### **Acknowledgement**

The family of **Howard I. Ashby** will remember and cherish the kindness of your expressions of love, sympathy, prayers, messages and courtesies so graciously extended.

Thank you and may God richly bless you.

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