

A man with a mustache, wearing a white cowboy hat, sunglasses, a light-colored jacket with dark shoulder patches, and dark pants, stands on a wooden staircase. The background is a scenic view of the ocean and a blue sky with white clouds.

Homegoing Service for Ralph H. Ridley

Sunrise

October 26, 1931

Sunset

February 7, 2014

“Deep in our hearts, lies a picture most precious than silver or gold. It’s a picture of our loved one, whose memories will never grow old.”

Service

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Philemon Baptist Church

246 Shephard Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating Pastor

Obituary

Ralph Ridley (known to many as Cowboy) was born October 26, 1931, in Farmville, VA. He was a loving son of Pearl Van Ridley. He departed this life February 7, 2014.

He grew up and attended school in Prince Edward County and graduated from the elementary school there. He joined the New Bethel Baptist Church at an early age. He worked on his family's farm then joined the United States Army, where he proudly served for thirteen years, and was honorably discharged. Ralph was employed at the Harrison Lumber Yard in Virginia.

Later in years, he moved to New Jersey, where he worked at the Veteran Hospital, he also owned his own exterminating business for many years. Here he met his devoted wife Hilda.

Ralph recently joined the Philemon Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Edward Allen. He was always inspired, enjoyed his messages, and attended church whenever he could, in spite of all his health problems, which he kept mostly to himself. He never gave up.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Hilda; three daughter, Lorraine Harper, Bridgett Ridley and Rosé Ridley; one granddaughter; two great grandchildren all of Baltimore; sister, Bernice Jones of Newark, NJ; brother, Ronald Ridley of New York; a step son, Ronald Evans of Newark, NJ; mother and father-in-law, Bertha and Calvin Adams; two sisters-in-law, Lil Ridley of Pennsylvania and Linda Evans of East Orange, NJ; three brothers-in-law, David, Tyrone and Kevin Evans of Newark, NJ; one nephew, Donald Jones of Florida; three nieces, Gwendolyn Jones of Newark, NJ, Diane Ridley of Newark, NJ, Thelma Noble of Pennsylvania and Shirley Dorsey of NJ; cousins, great nieces, nephews and close friends.

We will miss him and his smiles, but his memories will always be in our hearts. You are free from all aches and pains now. So rest in peace. You may be gone from sight, but you will never be forgotten.

The Family

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn
“Do Not Pass Me By”

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort

Obituary
Kimberly Ferguson

Hymn

Eulogy
Rev. Edward Allen

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

If the sun should rise and find your eyes filled with tears for me, wipe them away, and remember I'm following the path God laid out for me, and I found peace at the end of the day. If my parting has left a void, just fill it up with memories of joy. Please don't be burdened with sadness grief. I wish for you happiness for tomorrow, my life's been full, I savored much, good friends, good times, a loved ones touch. Perhaps my time may seem all too brief, just try to understand, that an Angel came and called my name, took me by the hand and said my place was ready in Heaven above, let's go home now.



Acknowledgement

The Family wishes to acknowledge, with deep appreciation your kindness and love shown to them, in this time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you.

The Ridley Family

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