



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Berrisford George Gordon**

*Sunrise*  
May 11, 1925

*Sunset*  
April 14, 2014

*Monday, April 21, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.*

**COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
224 First Street • Englewood, NJ 07631

*Rev. Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr., Officiating*

## *Obituary*

God called his devoted warrior, **Berrisford George Gordon**, affectionately known as “George”, of Englewood, NJ, home on Monday, April 14, 2014. He was eighty-eight years old. It is only fitting that his journey in life would end during the holiest week of the Christian walk, as George truly loved God.

George was born on May 11, 1925, to Joseph and Hilda Gordon in Montego Bay, Jamaica. One of six children, he was educated in the Montego Bay School System until he left Jamaica at fourteen years old in search for employment to help his family. George ventured to Panama in hopes for a better life and his travels would lead him to Florida and then New York; New York is where he fell in love. It was a crispy fall day in Harlem when he laid his eyes on the love of his life, Pernola Terry. It was this love that solidified his love for Harlem and his drive to build a family. From this union George and Pernola raised and nurtured three children: Billy, Brenda and La’Tise. George truly loved his family.

George attended an electronic school in Manhattan, NY, and upon completion he opened a television repair store. Forever an entrepreneur, George purchased the building in which his business was housed and it was a lucrative venture. His business savvy afforded George the opportunity to relocate his family from Bronx, NY to the tree lined streets of Englewood, NJ. His strong work ethic and unconditional love for his God and family guided his footsteps throughout his life.

He was passionate about music and shared his passion with his children. He was a self-taught musician and played the saxophone. His passion would lead him to form a band called, “George Gordon & the Rhythm Kings,” George loved his station wagon and refused to depart from his vehicle, regardless of having the means to afford luxury...George was a humble man. He loved to swim, loved doing maintenance on his pool, exercised daily and enjoyed a good meal. One of his few regrets was that he never opened a restaurant for his dear wife, Pernola and her sisters, who he felt were the best cooks ever.

George is predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Hilda Gordon, his siblings: Lucille Gordon, Ena Gordon, Noel Gordon, Dudley Gordon, Joseph Gordon and son, Billy Dyla.

George leaves to mourn his loss: his loving and devoted wife, Pernola Gordon; daughter, Brenda Coley; son-in-law, Richard Coley; daughter, La’Tise Gordon; grandsons, Cory R. Richardson, Javon Ferguson, Eric B. Majette and Elijah M. Croasdaile; granddaughters, JáVae E. Newell and Sheila Davis; and great grandchild, Chacce A. Richardson; sisters-in-law, Lena Hickson (Leon Hickson) and Brenda Jiggetts; brothers-in-law, Sandy Terry (Marion Terry) and Atrres Terry (Catherine Terry); and a host of loving relatives from the beautiful island of Jamaica, who have traveled hundreds of miles to send George home. There are a host of extended family, friends and neighbors who share in the loss of such a magnificent man.

# Order of Service

**Processional**

**Invocation**

**Selection**

**Scripture Reading**

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

**Prayer of Consolation**

**Solo**

**Acknowledgements**

**Reflections**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Recessional**

*Interment*

*George Washington Cemetery*

*Paramus, New Jersey*

*George, we will miss you beyond words, but God needed a strong, devoted, loving man in His garden. So, he called for you. We will miss your daily question: "Where's my wife, have you seen my wife?" Oh yes we have George, she's here, she never left you and never will. Until we meet again.....*

## *Come To Me*

God saw he was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered "Come to me"  
The days of toil and nights of pain  
The weary hours have passed  
The patient gentle worn out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.  
Day and night we stood by him  
And saw him in pain,  
Anxiously awaiting his cure  
But our waiting was in vain.  
God who knoweth all things best  
Eased his suffering, gave him rest  
He is gone but not forgotten,  
Never will our memories fade  
Sweetest thoughts of him will ever linger  
Round the place where he rests.

-Author unknown

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Berrisford George Gordon** wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have shown us kindness in thoughts, deeds and prayers during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, emails, flowers and other kind expressions have been uplifting.  
May God bless you all.

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