

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



*Jake "Billy" Corley*

*Sunrise*

*February 27, 1941*

*Sunset*

*April 30, 2014*

*Wednesday, May 7, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.*

**ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES, LLC**

129 Engle Street • Englewood, New Jersey 07631

*Pastor Kenny Houston, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

**Jake Corley (affectionately known as Billy)**, was born on February 27, 1941 in Orangeburg, South Carolina to Jake Sr. and Lougenia Corley. He was the youngest of his siblings which included Mary Lou (Mickey) and Pearl. As a child, Jake enjoyed outdoor activities but held a deep passion for music. He joined the Boys' Choir where he was well known for his rendition of "Old Man Rivers".

Jake had a deeper love and thirst for knowledge. He initially attended SC State College, however once he realized that he would not be able to continue his educational quest, he migrated to New York City in 1961 to afford himself better opportunities. Once in NY, he ran a Summer Youth and Drug Rehabilitation program for the city and later became a Staff Analyst. Still on a quest for education and knowledge, Jake entered Brooklyn College and graduated with his Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Control. He went on to pursue a Double Master's Degree in Social Work and Science at Columbia University which he obtained in 1979. Jake worked his way up the ladder to become the Deputy Director for the Department of Health and Hygiene. After thirty years of service, he retired at age fifty-seven. Once retired, he founded and operated AAA Pest Control for ten years until he suffered a stroke.

Jake was known for his infectious, outgoing, personable and confident personality and undeniable smooth style. He loved jazz music, sports, cooking, entertaining and debating. He encouraged everyone who crossed his path to further their education. He has influenced and touched many lives. He has three children, Derek, Dayo and Jacquena Corley from his marriages with Mary Ann Palmer and Maria Borrero and a relationship with Sonia Joshua.

Jake departed this life on April 30, 2014.

He is survived by: children, Derek, Dayo and Jacquena Corley; sister, Pearl David; grandchildren, Nikki Corley, Dante Joshua-Smart, Chase Woney, Aryssa Vega and Cash Corley; nieces and nephews, Jerry Corley, Renee Alexander, Joyce Moulton, Jayon Corley, Jamal Nelson, Lawyer Alexander, Ajile Alexander, Issac Alexander, Shania Moulton, Tariq Corley and many other great nieces and nephews; special people, Tiana Payne and Valerie Fulton-Stanley.

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Invocation**

**Selection**

**Scripture Reading**

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

**Prayer of Consolation**

**Solo**

**Acknowledgements**

**Reflections**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Recessional**

*Interment*

*Bethea's Memorial Garden  
Orangeburg, South Carolina*

# *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!*

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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