



*A Home Going Service
for
Robert Burks*

Sunrise
May 6, 1940

Sunset
May 13, 2015

Friday, May 22, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.

Cotton Funeral Service
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ 07112
Pastor Arnold Fox, Officiating
Rev. Robert Logan, Organist

Obituary

Robert Burks (Twin Richard) was born on May 6, 1940 in Newark, New Jersey. They were the sons of Homer Burks, Sr. and Martha Garrett-Burks. Richard passed away at the age of six months. However, Robert, lovingly named “Mousey” (small stature) thrived and became the lovable and gregarious child who matured into the man that we came to know and love. He was truly a boy’s boy-curious, adventurous and mischievous. There was never a dull moment with Robert.

Robert received his formal education in the Newark Public School system. At the age of thirteen, while a student at Robert Treat Jr. High, Robert’s mother passed away. As a young person, he developed a love for sports, especially basketball. He was so talented that basketball scouts were interested in him. As an adult, his favorite team was the Redskins. Robert was light on his feet and loved latin dancing and shooting pool.

Robert became an employee of Ford Motor Company where he remained a longtime and loyal employee until his retirement. Later he and his family relocated to Fayetteville, North Carolina in November 2013. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to a new career selling women’s clothing. He had an excellent sense of style and taste. Robert definitely knew how to please his customers. He was GQ sharp!

One of his strongest personality traits was showing his authoritative side. He would begin by saying, “I don’t mean no harm” but by the time he finished the lecture, you would know exactly how he felt. Just as soon as he finished with you, he would stroke you by offering you some type of goodie like peace offering. His heart was so big, showing his love for his fellow man that he often mentored young men and sometimes women as well.

Robert was a man who loved style, good music and laughter with family and friends. He loved life and lived it with zest and vigor. Robert was an avid card player. He and his cronies would play bid whist, spades and whatever else through the night. He was a good cook and his stepson, Samarr Logan has fond memories of the breakfasts and steaks he would prepare for him. Let us not forget Robert’s Sweet Tooth- he loved cakes and his passion was his sister’s bread pudding. He was also such a big fan of salt. He was so crazy about it that he would sometimes even put it on his cake.

Over thirty years ago at Club Delight in Newark, Robert met the love of his life, Henrietta “Barbara” Logan. She would later become his wife. Robert had the heart of a romantic. His beloved Barbara was to experience just what a romantic he was. His skill at all things domestic were front and center when it came to his beloved. He would clean house, do laundry, even do the ironing. And just to show what an all around guy he was, he would have her dinner prepared for her when she came in from work and would even go so far as to draw her bath. His romantic nature was such a prominent part of him that he would share his love for flowers on Mother’s day by presenting plants to all mothers he knew, whether church members, neighbors, etc.

He leaves his leaves legacy to: his loving wife, Barbara Logan-Burks who stood with him during present and past illness; two daughters, Teauna Murphy-Burks of Atlanta, GA and Valerie Hardy of Newark, NJ; stepson, Samarr Logan of Greensboro, NC; brother, Homer Burks, Jr (Davon) of East Orange, NJ; two sisters, Gloria Lamarr (Harold) of Whiting, NJ and Beverly Johnson (Charles) of Plainfield, NJ; one goddaughter; many young men and women who he mentored; a host of nieces and nephews who he was proud of; other family members and friends.

On May 13, 2015, our God in His infinite love and mercy called Robert from labor to reward.

There is no question or doubt, that “Mousey” will be missed.

🍷 “THANK YOU ROBERT FOR A LIFE WELL LIVED” 🍷

Order of Service

Viewing

Processional

Organ Prelude.....Rev. Robert Logan

Scripture Readings.....Deacon Leonard Logan
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - Act 4:12

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Robert Logan

Selection

Remarks.....(Please limit remarks to two minutes)

Acknowledgements and Poem of Tribute.....Yolanda Burks

Obituary.....Yolanda Burks

Selection.....“*God Knows How Much We Can Bare*”
Gloria Burks Lamarr

Eulogy.....Pastor Arnold Fox

Recessional.....“Soon Very Soon Going To See The King”

Interment

Rosemount Memorial Park
Newark, New Jersey

“Just Wanted You To Know”

*I want you to know I moved
I have a new address.
I received a call from God
The chief architect.
It's ready and I could move immediately.
It's a beautiful site to see.
It's behind white pearly gates.
There's peace and joy, no more pain there.
Now I have to get fitted for my wings
Let me give you my new address
It's 12 gates to the city.*

Love Robert



Repast

The family requests that you join them for a repast immediately following the interment at Elks Home
875 Sanford Ave. • Irvington, NJ

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a floral piece on a lovely card or quietly sat in a chair. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that anyone could say.

Perhaps you weren't there at all but prayed for us this day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts we wish Gods abundant blessing for you today. Thank You.

The Family

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