

In Loving Memory of
Mauris Craig Jackson

Sunrise
October 27, 1950

Sunset
June 1, 2015

Saturday, June 6, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street • Orange, NJ 07050

Rev. Samuel Wright, Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary



Mauris Craig Jackson peacefully departed this life on June 1, 2015 at home with his family at his side. Mauris was born to Morris and Clarissa Jackson on October 27, 1950 in New Brunswick, NJ.

Mauris was raised and attended school in Piscataway. He was baptized and attended Zion Hill Baptist Church in Piscataway under the direction of the late Rev. M. McMillion, Pastor. Always encouraged by Anna Ellis-LaCaze as his friend, neighbor and

Sunday School teacher.

He played little league under the coaching of the late Clement Horne. He enjoyed fishing with his childhood friends, Harry Massey, Robert (Bobby) Ellis and Charles Morris. As a young teen, Craig, as he was lovingly called by his family, always liking a little change in his pocket, delivered newspapers for the Newark Evening News. He later inherited a newspaper route from his brother, Edward Peter, The Daily Home News. He also enjoyed working with his hands, building bikes and scrap parts.

Moving away with his family, he finished his education in Plainfield, NJ, graduating from Plainfield High School in 1969. Mauris joined the United States Air Force, serving five years in the States and Thailand as a Civil Engineer.

It was at Newark Airport on the way to basic training in San Antonio, Texas when Mauris met David Smith. The two instantly befriended each other. It was David who introduced Mauris to his sister, Gail. After a while, Craig not only asked brother, David if he could date his sister, Gail but he asked if he could marry her as well.

After about three and a half years of dating, they married. To this union they had two sons, Keith and Kyle.

For forty-one years, Mauris made his life in Orange, NJ. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Doting on his family, truly securing and loving and encouraging his sons to do well.

Craig worked as a custodian within the Orange School System for many, many years. He obtained his Black Seal license, moving his employment to Newark Archdiocese and later on to the Verona School System, where he worked for seventeen years before retiring. At each school system, the students and parents loved "Mr. Jackson". The teachers lovingly called him "Mo".

Mauris was preceded in death by his mother, Clarissa Merritt-Jackson, his father, Morris Jackson, his sister, Gwen Criswell, his mother-in-law, Mary Smith, his father-in-law, Carl Smith and his best friend/brother-in-law, Don Harris.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife of forty-one years, Gail Jackson; two sons, Keith Jackson and Kyle Jackson; two grandchildren, Kayla Jackson and Kyle Jackson, Jr.; his brother, Edward Peter Jackson; two sisters, Marva Jackson and Ada Bright; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Edward Peter Jackson

Old Testament - Psalm 91

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Minister Ray Holland

Soloist

George Bright

Tawanda Muslim

Reflections

Family and Friends

Acknowledgements/Obituary

Cindy Reaves

Eulogy

Pastor Sam Wright

Recessional

Cremation

Rosedale Crematory

Orange, New Jersey

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*Miss Me,
But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled
room, why cry for a soul set
free? Miss me a little-but not too
long, and not with your head
bowed low. Remember the love
that we once shared, miss me-
but let me go. For this is a journey
that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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