

Celebrating A Life Well Lived

Rubin Henry Armstead

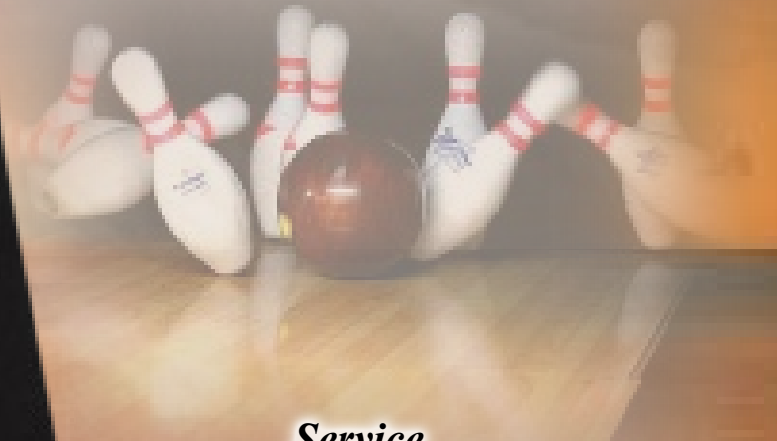


Alpha

September 12, 1930
Newark, New Jersey

Omega

June 6, 2015
Linden, New Jersey



Service

Saturday, June 13, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church

929 Dill Avenue

Linden, New Jersey 07036

Reverend Dr. Derrick R. Dumas, Pastor



Rubin Henry Armstead was born on September 12, 1930 in Newark, New Jersey, the oldest son of 12 children born to the late Jimmie Lee Wooten Armstead and Henry Creed Armstead. At the age of one, the family moved to Linden, a town Rubin would call home for the remainder of his life. He was educated in the Linden Public School system where he played football and baseball and was the coach for “The Squires Baseball Team.” Rubin loved all sports, but had a passion for boxing. He boxed competitively and was a two-time Golden Glove Champion and Linden’s first Diamond Glove Champion.

In 1956, he served his country in the United States Army where he did a tour of duty during the Korean War, and he made lifelong friends with many of his comrades.

Shortly after returning home from the service, Rubin married the love of his life, Anna Lucille Lewis, this union of 55 years was blessed with five children: Jimmie Lewis, Derek, Mark, Lisa Ann and Sonia Denise.

He was employed as a Letter Carrier for the United States Post Office in Linden for 33 years, retiring in 1985. After retirement, an entrepreneur at heart, Rubin was the owner of a produce business. He was also the owner of what many of us knew as “The Shoe Shine Parlor.”

“Henry,” “Bruh” and “Uncle Bruh,” as he was affectionately called by his family and friends, lived a life full of love, service and helping others especially his neighbors. Rubin was a community man and “his brother’s keeper” who shared his love with everyone in the community. We often called him “Daddy for Hire” because he loved the children in the neighborhood and gave of himself freely, expecting nothing in return. He was the Pop-Warner coach extraordinaire giving guidance to every young man in the neighborhood who wanted to play football. We all can remember that station wagon packed with football players getting a ride to the Athletic Field.

Rubin was also an avid fisherman; he would often say that he found peace on the waters of Montauk, Long Island and Hyannis Port, Massachusetts. Every Wednesday night was bowling at the Jersey Lanes and if he ever went a missing on a Saturday afternoon -- just check the hall closet! It was a ninety-nine percent chance that you would find his bowling bag missing. You knew where he was!

We know where he is now; he is looking down on us and is now our guardian angel. On Saturday, June 6, 2015, Rubin Henry Armstead departed this life peacefully while sleeping in his favorite chair at home.

He was predeceased by his two brothers, Sherman “Moe” Armstead and Robert Armstead; and sister, Bertha Armstead Bragg.

Rubin Henry Armstead leaves to mourn his memory, his beloved wife of 55 years, Anna Lucille Armstead; 3 sons: Jimmy Lewis Armstead (Maria), Hon. Mayor Derek Armstead (Danie) and Mark Armstead; 2 daughters: Lisa Ann Ormon (Peter) and Sonia Armstead-Pittman (Edward); 2 brothers: Ernest Curtis Armstead of Stone Mountain, Georgia and Ralph Armstead of Freehold, New Jersey; 6 sisters: Helen Grice, Ida Smith, and Shirley Scott of Spring Hill, Florida, Carol Williams and Harriet Donald of Linden, New Jersey, and Diane Prott of Creve Coeur, Missouri; 9 grandchildren: Erika Shaina Armstead, Brianna Marissa Armstead, Ashton Robert Armstead, Ryan Henry Armstead, Abigail Reese Armstead, Keira Ann Ormon, Chase Everette Ormon, Darien Alexander Pittman and Kendall Raye Pittman; and a host of nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, dear relatives and friends.

He will be missed by everyone’s life that he touched.

Humbly submitted,
The Family



Musical Prelude.....Michael Reeves

Processional Clergy

Parting View.....The Family

Opening Hymn.....First Baptist Church Choir

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Appointee

Scriptures

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-31.....Reverend Gawain Bragg

New Testament: Matthew 25:34-40.....Reverend James Hutchins

Words of Comfort.....(2 Minutes Please)

Solo.....“Lord You Are Good”.....Tina Marshall

Family Tribute.....The Children of Rubin Henry Armstead

Acknowledgment of Condolences.....Minister Appointee

Solo.....“Take Me To The King”.....Tina Marshall

Ministry of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Derrick R. Dumas

Recessional.....“Still Crazy After All These Years”

Interment
Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Immediately following the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to the Repast located at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street in Linden, New Jersey.

Services Entrusted To:
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Pallbearers

Jimmy Lewis Armstead
Mark Armstead
David Burns

Hon. Mayor Derek Armstead
Theus Armstead
Maurice LaMons

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 was once shared. Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take, and each must go alone.

It's all a part of the master's plan, a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart, go to the friends we know. Bear your sorrow in good deeds.

Miss me, but let me go.

~ Author unknown



Acknowledgement

The family of **Rubin Henry Armstead** would like to thank everyone who has reached out during this difficult time. No words can ever express our appreciation of the outpouring of love, and support shown to us. We are deeply grateful.

