

In Loving Memory of
Tommy L. Allison, Sr.



Sunrise
March 16, 1960

Sunset
June 10, 2015

Friday, June 19, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ 07112
Andre Speight, Officiating

Order of Service

Scripture Reading
Old Testament - Lula Woods
New Testament - Christopher Smith

Prayer of Comfort
Pastor Eric M. Walker II

Selection
April Brown

Remarks

Acknowledgements

Obituary
Denise Harvey

Selection
April Brown

Eulogy
Andre Speight

Final Words from Tom

Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Repast

*Immediately following the interment a repast will be held at
41 Wright Street, Newark, NJ*

Obituary

Tommy Lee Allison Sr. was 55 years old, lived in Irvington NJ, but born and raised in Newark NJ. Tommy (Tom) passed away on June 10th 2015 at home. He was preceded in death by his father Pete Allison, brothers Eddie Allison and Keith Allison.

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Tom was born on March 16, 1960 to Virginia Tarver and Pete Allison. He was the second oldest of nine, children Eddie Allison, Laniece Allison, Joann Allison, Clara Allison, Iris Allison, Alden James Allison, Keith Allison and John Allison. As a child he was always loyal and protective of his younger siblings. His younger brother Alden spoke of a time when he was ten and Tom said “you see that kid (pointing at Alden) that’s my brother you mess over him, you mess over me.” This is how he felt about all of his siblings.

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Tom was educated in the Newark Public School System. After graduating from South Side he enlisted in the Military. When Tom returned from the military he became a Painter’s Apprentice where he perfected his trade which ultimately developed into his career. Throughout his career he worked with numerous companies, but he spent the largest portion of his career working for the Newark Housing Authority, during this time he became infamously known as “Tom the Painter.” He enjoyed painting; painting was not only his career but a passion. In 2013 he officially retired from painting.

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Tom enjoyed reading bible scriptures with his mother and brother, talking on the phone, watching boxing, talking to his wife, being surrounded by family and friends. He recently began taking selfies and recording short videos of himself J He enjoyed long rides with the family and sitting by the pier in Jersey City and most of all he just loved to talk.

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Tom and Bernice meet when he was 13 years old and she was 14 years old. They have been together for 42 years. They married May 16, 1995. Whenever you saw Tom you knew Bernice was not far away and vice versa. They were inseparable and best friends; definitely enjoying one another’s company. The loved that they shared with one another was unconditional, remarkable and an example of what true soul mates are. They would often take weekend trips and no one would know where they were. At age 14 and 15 they had their first child Bownisha Tamon Robinson which we know as Bow, four years later Tauheedah Bakeya Robinson was born, seven years later Tommy Lee Allison Jr was born, four years after Tommy, Brittany Tatiana Robinson was born and four years later their final child Tyrod Boyd Lee Allison was born. In 1999 they welcomed their first grandchild Tyree Terrance Robinson.

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Tom, Daddy, Pops, Granddaddy, Gramps, Uncle Tom and Mr. Tommy is how many will remember him. He had a heart of gold and a great sense of humor. Tom had a story for all occasions. He was very loving, determined, charming, ambitious, and kind hearted and a giving man. After his death Tom added one last attribute; donor. Tom has touched many people in life and will continue to do so because of his generous tissue donation. #alwaysgiving#neverselfish

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Tommy leaves to cherish in his memories his wife/soul mate Bernice Robinson, his mother Virginia Allison, mother in law Ruth Mae Robinson, his sons Tommy Allison Jr. and Tyrod Boyd Lee Allison. His daughters Bownisha Robinson, Tauheedah Robinson and Brittany Robinson. His only grandchild Tyree Robinson. His two brothers Alden Allison and John Allison, four sisters Laniece Allison, Joann Allison, Clara Allison and Iris Allison. His buddies Andrew Davis (Shu-Shu) Timothy Price, Keyshawn Freemon, Iyanla Freemon, and Zyaisha Jackson along with a host of nieces; nephews.

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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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