

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES  
FOR



MR. ARTHUR P. FERRELL

**SUNRISE**

*June 17, 1940*

**SUNSET**

*July 20, 2015*

**SERVICE**

*Friday, July 31, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.*

**PERRY FUNERAL HOME**

*34 Mercer Street • Newark, New Jersey 07103*

*Reverend Sandra Washington, Officiating*

# OBITUARY

**Mr. Arthur Plummer Ferrell** was born in Wake County, North Carolina on June 17, 1940 to Ruth Foster. He departed this life at UMDNJ Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey after a lengthy illness.

**Arthur** lived in the Riley Hill Community of Wendell, NC during his early childhood. He was raised by his aunt and uncle, John and Mary Liza Foster Ferrell along with their children, Willie George, Melissa and Lucy Mae. The Family attended Riley Hill Baptist Church. Although somewhat shy, Arthur enjoyed running in the fields, jumping in the pond and attending Riley Hill School with his “sibling cousins” and his best friend, Charlie Wayne Morgan. He learned to fish and this became a favorite hobby of his.

**Arthur** left North Carolina in his teen years and settled in Newark, New Jersey. He soon learned to drive a truck, and trucking across the country became his livelihood for many years. He met and married Loretta Smalls and the couple was blessed with four children, Petice, Samad, Omar and Rahman. Often times a quiet man, one that prefers to stay in the background, speaks volumes and leaves more of an impression than a well-known celebrity; such was the case with Arthur. His son Omar said that his Father was “a great man and I loved him so much; I had the best times with him.” Charlie Wayne went on to become an ordained Bishop but he never was too busy to check on Arthur and see if he needed anything. He frequently took Arthur with him to NC on weekend trips so that Arthur could see his family. He loved Arthur like a brother and their friendship spanned almost seventy years, until Bishop Morgan’s untimely death in 2012. His mother and step-sister, Darlene, checked with him often to see if he needed anything. His quietness, never asking for much, brought out the gentleness and caring in other people and this host of family and friends, who just wanted to make sure that he was alright, is a testament to what kind of man Arthur was.

**Arthur** was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Ruth Foster Crews, step-father, Deacon Alexander Crews, his beloved aunt and uncle, Mary Liza and John Ferrell, grandparents, Lizzie and Plummer Foster, two of his dear children, Petice and Samad, sisters, Melissa Ferrell Massenburg and Lucy Mae Ferrell Hicks, step-brother, R.C. Foster, and best friend, Bishop Charles W. Morgan.

**Arthur** leaves to celebrate his life: his dear wife, Loretta Ferrell; his beloved sons, Rahman Smalls and Omar Ferrell (Elvina); his brother, Willie George Ferrell; a nephew, Grady Washington; step-sister, Darlene Dunston; twelve grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren; many NC and NJ Foster Family Cousins, and Barbara Morgan (wife of Charlie Wayne) and children.

*Lovingly submitted,  
The Family*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Invocation.....Pastor Cheryl Wiggins-Turner

Hymn

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Expressions of Love.....Bro. Omar Ferrell  
Brother Rahman Smalls

Acknowledgements

Obituary Reading

Selection.....Sis. Elvina Ferrell

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Sandra Washington  
*Rose of Sharon Baptist Church*  
*512 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue • Newark, NJ*

Final Viewing

Recessional

INTERMENT  
Rose Hill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

## **GOD'S GARDEN**

*God looked around His garden and found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.*

*He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew that you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.*

*He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were  
hard to climb. So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be thine."*

*It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone...  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.*

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*The Family of **Mr. Arthur P. Ferrell** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all the kind words and deeds that have been extended to them during this time of bereavement. We are so grateful for your love and presence here today. God bless you.*

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