


*In Loving Memory of*  
**Herman Edward Merritt**

**Sunrise**  
January 16, 1935

**Sunset**  
August 23, 2015



*Friday, August 28, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.*

**OUR LADY OF PEACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
620 Amboy Avenue • Edison, New Jersey 08837

*Reverend David Skoblow, Officiating*

## Obituary

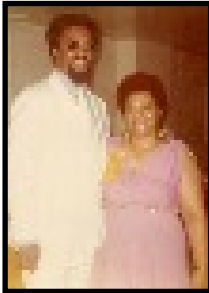


**Herman Edward Merritt** eldest son of the late Herman and Nellie (Mayo) Merritt entered into eternal rest on August 23, 2015 surrounded by his wife and family.

Herman was born on January 16, 1935 in Jersey City, New Jersey. The eldest brother of 12, he was often referred to as “big brother” a title that he carried with pride.

He served in the United States Air Force for 4 years and worked as a US Postal employee until he retired at the age of 67.

Herman enjoyed life and one of his pleasures was to travel. His preferred method and the “only way” to travel was by cruise ship. He and his wife Tecla visited many places in a span of 20 years. All you had to do was mention cruise and he would show you pictures of his travel adventures and escapades. Herman also enjoyed watching movies and especially enjoyed a good martial arts video. He also had a great love for music. His album collection spans over 3 generations ranging from classic jazz to R&B. One of Herman’s favorite pastimes was watching his team, America’s team “Dallas Cowboys”



But, most of all Herman loved his family. His vast knowledge of the Mayo & Merritt family was a treasure we all enjoyed. He would recall in vivid detail stories of family history. He never failed to remember each name of each family member and their parents and their grandparents. His mind stayed sharp until his last breath.

He leaves to mourn his wife Tecla, his children Keith, Jason and Randi Merritt, Ceciley, Garnett, and Jeffrey Williams, Mia (Roberto) Franco. Siblings - Muriel Freeman, Lynn Carter, Charles, Ronald, Steven, Michael, and Vincent Merritt, Lawrence & Ronald Jasper.



He was preceded in death by parents and sisters, Elizabeth Bell and Susan Vaughn. He also leaves to mourn 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild,

a whole host of nieces & nephews, cousins, & friends.

# Order of Mass

## **Introductory Rites**

Greeting  
Sprinkling with Holy Water  
[Placing of the Pall]  
Entrance Procession  
[Placing of Christian Symbols]  
Opening Prayer

## **Liturgy of the Word**

Readings  
Homily  
General Intercessions

## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

## **Final Commendation**

Invitation to Prayer  
Silence  
[Song of Farwell]  
Prayer of Commendation

## **Procession to the Place of Committal**

### **ENTOMBMENT**

Clover Leaf Memorial Park  
Routes 1&35  
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

### **Pallbearers**

Larry Jasper	Steven Merritt
Vincent Merritt	Daryl Napoleon
Garnet Williams	Ronald Merritt
Jeffrey Freeman	



*Repast to be held at:*  
*The Forge*  
*1002 US HWY 9 N.*  
*Woodbridge, NJ 07095*



# Big Brother

Herm, Big Ed, Dad, Bubba – he was one or the other  
But, to me he was just “big brother”

He spoke with authority and held his head high  
He let you know he had your back  
with just a twinkle in his eye

Never one to brag or boast about himself or his actions  
He would just complete his tasks to full satisfaction

He could recall family history without missing a beat  
Remembering every one’s name was an easy feat

He stepped in when needed  
and was unafraid of chance

In his prime he loved his music  
and never backed down from a dance

Sports was his weakness and one that he deeply treasured  
Never to miss a game or exchange jabs with great pleasure

He loved to cruise and took one every chance he got  
The only way to travel – or not (at all)

His presence will be missed  
and his stories will be told often

For this was a man who is not so easily forgotten

Herman Edward Merritt – big brother  
– we celebrate you

We’ll meet again – but for now we say  
with love - adieu.

## 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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