

In Loving Memory of  
**Thaddeus Augustus Garrison, Sr.**

**Sunrise**  
November 12, 1927

**Sunset**  
September 21, 2015



**Service:**  
Saturday, October 3, 2015 - 11:00 am

**Jones Funeral Home**  
247 Elm Avenue  
Rahway, New Jersey 07068  
**Reverend Neville Garrison - Officiating**  
**Robert Arrington, Organist**

# Obituary

**Thaddeus Augustus Garrison Sr.** was born in Kingston (Jones Penn), Jamaica West Indies to the (Late) Claude Garrison and Thomasina (nee: Hibbert) Garrison. “Teddy” as he has affectionately come to be known as, was educated in the public elementary school system up to the eighth grade. At the passing of his mother at the age of 13, his Aunt Mary looked after him while he attended Boys Home in the parish of St. Thomas.

At the age of 16 ½, Teddy like many other young men, enlisted into World War II. As a British Royal Air Force Airman, Teddy was stationed in Northern England where he was assigned guard duties. He was awarded a medal for honorable service to the British Empire. At the completion of World War II, Teddy then briefly returned to Jamaica, visiting the USA and finally settling in London, England UK.

The London of the 1950’s was exciting because it was all new to the young people who ventured from various parts of the vast British Empire. Away from home and eager to make his way in the world, Teddy tried his hand at several jobs: coal-mining, day laborer, singer and Prize-Fighting. As a Light-Heavy weight (180 lbs) boxer, Teddy was age 21 and successful in winning fights against his British- born opponents. England was eager to train Teddy in industrial welding and at the suggestion of an acquaintance; he went to typewriter mechanic school. Graduating in 1954, Teddy was unable to obtain typewriter work in Britain due to racial prejudice.

Teddy immigrated to the USA in the late 1950’s and worked as a welder while building his business: Teddy’s Typewriter Repair. Working out of his home in Roselle, he repaired thousands of machines from the mid 1960’s up until the late 2000’s and the rise of PC computing. During the 1970’s, Teddy welded girders at Shaick Steel, Hillside, NJ that comprised the World Trade Center Towers of Manhattan. Teddy obtained Naturalized US Citizenship in 1986 and was a resident of Roselle, NJ for 53 years.

Teddy was an avid lover of Jazz music, Boxing, Soccer and Tennis. He was certainly well known for his interest and ability to discuss politics and current events. With a big smile and a Caribbean accent, he liked to converse with friends and acquaintances.

Teddy leaves behind a Sister: Verona “Tootsie” Garrison, his children: Daunaree, Gina, Loretta, Stella, Nathan, Neville, Michelle; Thaddeus Jr and Dorothy and Elaine, His Sons-in Law John Froehlich, Chris Perry, Noel Beard and Otis Story, His Daughter-in-Law: Valerie Garrison and co-parent (Olivia) Ms. Hillary Kang. His grandchildren: Julian, Rachel, Josephine, Ethan, Stefan, Isaiah, Elijah, Emmanuel, the Late Tracy W. Chisholm, Tarsha, and Olivia, Nine Great-Grandchildren and a host of other relatives.

# Order of Service

*Viewing: 9:00 – 11:00 AM*  
*Funeral Service 11:00 AM- 12:00 Noon*  
Officiating: Rev. Neville Garrison

Musical Prelude.....Organist

Entrance

Silent Reflection

Jazz Interlude

Reading of Scripture.....Member of the Family

Musical Selection

Acknowledgement of Condolences/

Obituary Reading.....Member of the Family

Fond Remembrances/ Remarks:.....Friends and Family  
(3 Min. Each Please)

Musical Tribute

Poetic Reading: .....Ms. Nikkya Matthis

Eulogy .....Rev. Neville Garrison

Final Commendation.....Thad and Stella Garrison

Closing Song .....Organist/ Soloist

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Interment</u></b> Private Cremation</p>
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# Success

*“To laugh often and much: to win  
the respect of intelligent people and  
the affection of children: to earn the  
appreciation of honest critics and  
endure the betrayal of false friends:  
to appreciate beauty: to find the best  
in others: to leave the world a bit better  
whether by a healthy child, a garden  
patch, or a redeemed social condition:  
to know even one life has breathed  
easier because you have lived.  
This is to have succeeded.”*

*-Author unknown*

## Acknowledgement

The family would like to extend gratitude to all expressions of sympathy at this time.

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