



Celebrating The Life of
William J. Godfrey, Sr.

Sunrise
September 18, 1929

Sunset
November 12, 2015



Friday, November 20, 2015 - 12:00 Noon



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163 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Father James McConnell, Officiating
Myron Smith, Organist

Obituary

William I. Godfrey, the first and oldest child of sixteen children was born on September 18, 1929 to Thomas and Selena Godfrey in Newark, New Jersey. He attended Saint Rose of Lima's grade school and later attended and graduated from West Side High School.

He was reared with strong Christian values and with the rest his family became parishioners of Saint Peter's Church when they moved to Belleville in 1948. He loved going to church and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at a very young age.

William entered the United States Army in 1949. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, he met and married Lillie Mae and had two children, Gail and William, Jr.

He worked for Walton's moving and Storage Company and was later employed by the Essex County court house where he worked for and later retired from the maintenance department. He was a member of Lewis L. Lackland VFW Post #7923 and Simon Lodge No. 34 AF & AM.

William was a vibrant, fun-loving man who had many friends which he didn't hesitate to lovingly call his male buddies "Monkey." He also loved to tell stories about growing up with his siblings, his life in Newark and serving his country. He loved to laugh and make others laugh, but he was also sensitive, almost to a fault. Yet, he was a proud and dignified man who had a zest and passion for life. His sense of humor and way with words which endeared him to everyone he came in contact with is a testimony to his nature as to why he formed so many long lasting friendships over the years.

To know William AKA Boo-Boo was to love him, and he was well-known and well loved by those who knew or ever had the pleasure of meeting him. He had a way of leaving a lasting impression. He had a way of making himself, unforgettable.

We are honored that our lives were graced with William, a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Selena, wife, Lillie Mae, brothers, Thomas, Robert, Ronald, Russell, Clifford and Arthur, his sisters, Claire, Barbara and Sylvia.

William leaves to cherish his memory: his son, William Jr. (Patricia); daughter, Gail; five grandchildren; brother, Ellis Godfrey (Lila); sisters, Sharon Godfrey, Maryann Jones (Ervin), Kathleen Wells, Marjorie Godfrey and Selena Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Myron Smith

Seating of The Family.....The Funeral Director

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings.....Sharon Godfrey

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Remarks.....Family and Friends (Two Minutes Please)

Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....Felicia Ellison

Obituary.....Debra Godfrey

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Father James McConnell

Christ The King Church

Jersey City, New Jersey

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

620 Central Avenue

Newark, New Jersey 07107

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall



*The family of **William I. Godfrey, Sr.** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during our time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you.*

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