



*In Loving
Memory of*

*Larry
West*

Sunrise
March 19, 1952

Sunset
May 28, 2016

Friday, June 10, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey
Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr., Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Hope....."What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading Dr. Lesly Deveraux

Old Testament: Psalm 46

New Testament: Revelation 21:1-7

Musical selection.....Tiffany Shaver

Family and Friends Tributes

Acknowledgments

Obituary/Poem.....Sharon Worth

Eulogy/Benediction.....Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr.

Recessional

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Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Obituary

Every good and perfect thing is a gift from God and on March 19, 1952, God's gift was born to Thelma West and William Copeland in Newark, NJ at Martland Medical Center. **Larry West** was the eldest of six children. Larry was very dedicated to his family and loved his role as a big brother to his younger siblings.

Larry was a very active and creative child growing up. He enjoyed building go-karts, playing football and playing percussion for the Blessed Sacrament Bugle Core. He also played for the Carver Gayblades. During his high school career at Central High School in Newark, NJ, he played right-guard offensive lineman on the Varsity Team. Larry was a very athletic young man and ran track and field as well. It was there at Central High School where he met Erniece Hampton and later became friends. Neither one of them knew that the road ahead would lead to the altar. Larry continued his education attending Rutgers University and Shaw University majoring in education. He wanted to continue the long family legacy of educators.

In 1975, Larry followed his heart and courted his soul mate Erniece Hampton and on the 23rd of June in 1979 they were wed in holy matrimony. Out of their loving union produced two beautiful children: Anwar Murad West (preceded in death) and Shaakira Waliyda Larnette West.

Larry taught at Camden Street School as a Physical Education Teacher. He then worked at East Jersey State Prison from 1979-1993. He later retired from Howell Township Department of Education as a custodian after ten years of service.

Larry was a very hardworking and a "tell like it is" type of person. His smile and laughter was so infectious to everyone he met. He was such a humorous and jovial person and was always engaging someone in conversation. His family was his world and he took pride in each and everyone of their accomplishments. He could always be found boasting on his wife's accolades and the accomplishments of his children. It made his heart smile when his granddaughter, Samiyah Jean West was brought into the world. He loved being a grandfather very much.

Larry was such a fighter even after his health began to decline he still kept his jovial sense of humor. On Saturday, May 28th, 2016, God decided to lay Larry to rest. He leaves behind his loving life partner of forty years, Erniece West; his daughter Shaakira West; his granddaughter, Samiyah West; his siblings, Marlo Silva (wife: Jacqueline Brown-Silva), William Copeland Jr. (wife: Connie Copeland), Michael Copeland and Pamela Ligon and sister in law, Regina Kerr (husband: Anthony); and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, cousins and friends.

Larry fought the good fight and has finished his course. We are looking forward to the day when we can be reunited and hear the Master say "Well done my good and faithful servant".

He was preceded in death by his sister, Valerie Silva.

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The Master Called



*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-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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