

In Loving Memory of



Lawrence Shorter

*June 27, 1934 - June 21, 2016*



He Wished No One  
A Last Farewell

*He wished no one a last farewell,  
nor even said goodbye.  
He was gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.  
They say time heals all sorrow,  
And helps us to forget,  
But time so far only proves  
How much we miss him yet,  
God gives us strength to face it,  
And courage to bear the blow.  
But what it meant to  
“love” and lose him  
No one will ever know.*

*-Author unknown*



*Funeral Service*

Monday, June 27, 2016 • 11:00 a.m.

**ST. LUKE A.M.E. CHURCH**

146 Clinton Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

***Rev. Dr. Hooper, Officiating***

Processional

Musical Selection

Scripture

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Reading of Obituary

Remarks and Acknowledgments

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

**Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery  
620 Central Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

*The repast will be held at  
343 Leslie Street, Newark, NJ 07112 – Papa's House*

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**Lawrence Shorter** peacefully entered into eternal rest on June 21, 2016. Lawrence was affectionately known to most as “Jack” or “Papa” In fact, most people never knew his name was Lawrence. Papa was born on June 27, 1934 in Cuthbert, Georgia. Jack was the oldest of four children born to the late Lawrence and Catherine Shorter.

Papa was educated at Randolph County Vocational High School in Georgia, where he learned several trades that would make him the “Jack of all trades” that we all knew and loved.

At the young age of sixteen, Papa hopped on a bus, left Georgia and “headed north” in search of work and a better life. After arriving in New Jersey he soon met his first, his last and his everything Evelyn. Papa and Evelyn enjoyed fifty-six years of marriage.

From this union they raised four children, Ava, Robin, Lawrence Jr., and Lawrence III. Papa was a life-long father figure to several family members. Being the selfless individual that he was, he opened his heart and his home to his extended family members Robert, Sherry, Tiffahaney and Shanae.

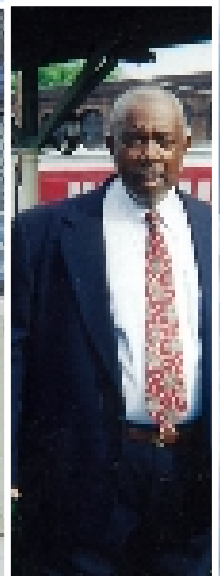
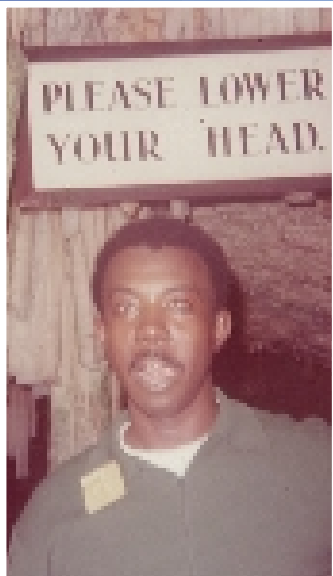
Papa gained employment as a Longshoreman at Port Newark and eventually worked his way up to Stevedore (Supervisor). Papa was a man of strong morals, values, ethics and convictions. It is worthy to be mentioned that Papa NEVER missed a day of work in forty-two years!

Papa never took a vacation; instead, he sent his family on vacations while he stayed home and worked.

Family was the most important thing to Papa. He used to say, “Family is all you got” and “343 is always open.” 343 Leslie Street became the hub for family, friends and laughter filled with love. Papa was the epitome of a family man. A man who could not keep a secret, believed in transparency, a straight-shooter and the driver of the bus to run you over –when needed. This taught all of us to be up-front and truthful at all times; instilling morals, values and a sense of pride to be a “Shorter” within us all. Although Papa achieved a high school diploma, his mantra was higher education for his children; and he was the driving force behind his children’s educational success.

Being the family man that he was, one of Papa’s biggest joys was watching his grandson Deon play baseball. He simply adored his grand-daughter Evelin and sticking true to his mantra; he remained her biggest supporter in her attending Morgan State University.

Papa leaves to mourn his loving and devoted wife of fifty-six years, Evelyn; his children, Ava, Robin, Lawrence AKA Pucci, Lawrence J., Sherry, Tiffahaney and Shanae; two grandchildren, Evelin and Deon; one sister, Katherine; one brother, Joe; three sisters-in-law, Barbara, Irma and Charlye-Mae; god-son, Lamont, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his dearly beloved Dunkin Donuts and Weequahic Park buddies.



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*To my loving husband, who has always been  
the wind beneath my wings.*

*I understand now how much God loves me.  
He gave me a husband whose good and kind  
heart made him the love of my life...*

*He gave me a partner whose wisdom and  
faith made him a wonderful father.*

*I understand now how much God loves me  
because of all the fond memories I have of  
you.*

*Happy Birthday - Papa*

*Love,*

*"ME"*



## Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to  
all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.

May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

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