

In Loving Memory of
Levi C. Murrell, Sr.

Sunrise
January 16, 1935

Sunset
July 12, 2016



Service
Tuesday, July 19, 2016 – 11:00 am
New Life Family Bible Church
302 Chancellor Avenue
Newark, New Jersey
Pastor Tyrone Sharpe, Sr., Officiating



Obituary

Levi Clifton Murrell, Sr., affectionately known by many as “Sonny”, was born on January 16, 1933 in Madison County, Mississippi. He was the eleventh of eleven children, the baby, born to Willis Murrell and Matilda Cole-Murrell who preceded him in death.

His early years were spent in Tougaloo where he attended the Daniel Hand Elementary School and Tougaloo High School. He was a great basketball player and a good cook!

After graduation, he moved to Newark, New Jersey and began digging graves alongside his brother, Milton “Pat” Murrell prior to beginning his long-standing career at NYSA-ILA at Port Newark. He retired after 45 years of service from Sealand in December 2004.

Levi was baptized at New Hope Baptist Church in Madison County, Mississippi. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church of Anderson, New Jersey from 1973-1977.

Levi married his high school sweetheart, Cleo-Jean (Simmons) Murrell, who preceded him in death in December 1977. From that union, 3 children were born: Levi Clifton Murrell Jr., who preceded him in death in 1987, Gregory Murrell, who preceded him in death in 2008, and Eugenie Denise Murrell, his baby-girl.

Levi was blessed in love for a second time in his life and was married to Joanne Farmer-Murrell in

2002. From that marriage, he gained another daughter to love, Yolanda Farmer Beard.

Levi enjoyed playing golf, had a passion for playing cards and loved baseball. He was part of a baseball league in Newark, NJ where they played weekly at Weequahic Park. The families thought it was about them, but it was all about the game!

He leaves behind his wife to continue cherished memories; Joanne Farmer-Murrell, two daughters, Eugenia Denise Murrell of Easton, PA and Yolanda Farmer Beard (Tim) of Danville, VA; sister, Mary Murrell-Lewis (Richard) and his brother, Milton "Pat" Murrell (Doris). He was preceded in death by 8 siblings: Willis Murrell Jr., Isadore Murrell, Otis Murrell, Percy Murrell (Martha), Carrie Murrell, Sarah Murrell-Brown (Willie), Estella Murrell-Rollins (Steve), and Fred Murrell.

Mourning Pop-Pop's passing are his grandchildren who he showered with love, gifts and affection all the time; Mary Jean Baxter, Brian Lee Baxter, Denise Charlene Murrell, Hannah Murrell, Kendra Beard, and Keona Beard.

To remember his "gentle" spirit are his great-grandchildren; Brian Lee Baxter Jr., Leeannah Denise Murrell, Miguel Blake, Havana Blake and his devoted nephew Frederick Douglas "Bobby" Rollins.

Along with a hosts of In-laws: the Jacksons, Harris', Bullocks, and Simmons'. As well as hosts of nephews, nieces, extended family and friends.

Order of Service

(Please turn off all cell phones, pagers and beepers)

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Tyrone Sharpe, Sr

Selection.....**"Lean On Me"**
Deaconess Denise Reed
Sis. Sharita Price

Scripture Reading

Old Testament:Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.....Deacon Glenn Reed

New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:13-18.. Evangelist Jeanette Kidd

Reflections.....(limit to 2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements

& Obituary.....Ms. Monique Hodge

Selection.....**"I Look To You"**
Deaconess Denise Reed
Sis. Sharita Price

Eulogy.....Pastor Tyrone Sharpe, Sr

Recessional

-Interment-
Washington Cemetery
Washington, New Jersey

Repast

The Longshoreman's Union Hall

731 South 10th Street, Newark, NJ 07108

Pall Bearers

Kevin Murrell David Murrell
Brian Lee Baxter Demetrius Harris
Rodney Harris Demetrius Hodge

Flower Girls

Denise Murrell Hannah Murrell
Mary Baxter

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.

-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.

Professional Services Provided By

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street
Orange, NJ
973-675-6400

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ
973-926-6400

COTTON-PARKER FUNERAL HOME
37 Clinton Avenue
Jersey City, NJ
201-433-1000



*Honoring
the Journey*

www.honoryou.com