



In Loving Memory of

Robert Percell Coston, Sr.

Sunrise
August 22, 1945

Sunset
October 6, 2016

Friday, October 14, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

PROVIDENCE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

459 South 17th Street • Newark, NJ
Pastor Vincent Grove, Officiating

Obituary

Robert Percell Coston was born August 22, 1945 to the late Essie Coston and Wesley Coston II in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was the second of four children. On Saturday, October 6, 2016, at University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey, with his children by his side, Percell departed this earthly life peacefully.

Percell was raised and educated in Portsmouth, Virginia. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1963. After an honorable discharge he came home and married his first wife Alice Coston and from this union he had three children, Robert Percell Coston Jr., Ursula Coston, and Arnold Coston. He then moved to Newark New Jersey. He worked in the U.S. Postal Service for thirty-five years. He was very friendly and kind to all. He loved fishing, traveling and sports. He was an avid San Francisco 49ers football fan despite the rest of his family were New York Giants fans.

In later years he married his second wife, Cassandra Coston. Through this union they had two children, Halimah Lewis, and the late Marcell Coston. On many occasions, he laughed and joked and like to play boxing which you were guaranteed a smile. He loved his family and attended many family reunions far and near.

Percell leaves to cherish his memory, wife, Cassandra Coston; his long time girlfriend, Catherine Holland, his children, Robert Percell Coston Jr., Ursula Coston, Arnold Kariem Coston, and Halimah Lewis; his siblings, Wesley Coston III, Okaley Coston, Annie Gourm; brother-in-law, Tyrone Gourm; sisters-in-law, Etta Rae Coston, Yvonne Coston; daughters-in-law, Monique Coston, Shania Green-Coston; Amirah Coston; eighteen grandchildren, Gregory, Brandon, Naja, Anirah, Khari, Derreck, Percell, Jyell, Jahbril, Kariem, Jordan, Tyanna, Milan, Robert, Joshua, Camilla, Louis, Briana; one great grandchild, Aiden; and his best friend, Monica Smith, many nieces and nephews and a plethora of other family and friends. Robert was preceded in death by his first wife, Alice Coston; his parents, Wesley and Essie Coston; his son, Marcell Coston, and granddaughter, Shaniqua Coston.

Order of Service

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Invocation

Musical Selection

Manny Bennett

Scripture

Praise Dance

Deitrick Haddon, Breanna Spencer
Keyshia Warren, Kaniyah Warren

Musical Selection

Susu Bobien

Obituary Reading

Robert Dorrah
Joelle Higgins

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Selection

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Monday, October 17, 2016

Brigadier General

William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery

Wrightstown, New Jersey

Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday.
I've endured pain
and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.
But life for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone.
You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ...
You always told me,
"get some rest,"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.
So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.
You'll soon realize this was meant to be,
I thank God because He came for me.

-Author unknown

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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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