

In Loving Memory of  
*Robert James Rouse*

*Sunrise*  
*April 29, 1955*

*Sunset*  
*October 31, 2016*



*Thursday, November 10, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.*

**Woody “Home For Services”**

163 Oakwood Avenue

Orange, New Jersey 07050

*Rev. James W. Holcombe, Officiating*

*Myron Smith, Organist*

## *Obituary*

**Robert James Rouse**, who everyone affectionately called “**Bobby**”, “**Bob**” or “**Pops**” was born on April 29, 1955 in Newark, NJ to Mary Rouse (currently Bryant) and the late Dave Rouse. His parents were both born in Edgefield, South Carolina.

He graduated from East Orange High School in 1973 and enlisted in the United States Marine Core shortly after. He served during the time of the Vietnam War and his tour of duty enabled him to visit the cities along the Mediterranean Coast and Northern Africa. Shortly after being honorably discharged from the Marines, he worked at the United States Post Office. His last job was as a forklift driver at Brazil Brothers, an electrical supply warehouse in Metuchen, NJ.

Robert was an avid sports fan. He rooted for the New York Giants football team, the New York Yankees baseball team and in addition he loved boxing. In his younger days, he played softball and flag football. He especially loved science fiction movies and was a STAR TREK fan.

Robert was very traditional when it came to spending time with his family. He had designated days for each of them. On Sunday, his tradition was to watch football and movies with his son, Robert. Sunday nights, he would talk to his brother, Kiel who lived in Virginia about sports and on Monday, he would call his mother, Mary, every night. He would exchange texts with his sister, Roslyn throughout the weeks because they both liked talking about politics. He spoke to his sister, Geneva, all during the week because, as he would affectionately say, “she was his secretary because she took care of all his paperwork and any errands he needed done.

Robert Rouse was married to Paulette Hollman. Although they eventually divorced, they remained good friends.

Robert firmly believed that people reap what they sow, and he was the mediator at family gatherings. Any time there was a conflict, because he was such a level-headed person, he would help everyone to find a peaceful solution to the conflict.

In his last act of kindness, he wrote a letter to Mayor Bollwage and Councilman Cedena of Elizabeth, NJ to complain that he and his friends Anna, who walked with a cane, and they both had COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) would arrive to the train station and see people sleeping on the available benches from the night before and would get upset if you asked them to move. In addition, he told them they should come to the Elizabeth Train Station to see first-hand what it is like to ride in urine infested elevators to better understand what he and his friend were going through every day. He was overjoyed when Mayor Bollwage and Councilman Cedena each called him and stated they had been writing to New Jersey Transit about the situation for some time now and they provided him with an update as to when the train station might be upgraded. Robert would fight for any causes that he believed in not only for himself but for his friends.

Robert leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Robert Ramire Rouse (Newark); his mother, Mary Bryant (East Orange); his sisters, Geneva Best (Hillside) and Roslyn Bryant (Union); his brother, Kiel Hall (Virginia); his nephews, David Best, Dorian Hall and Smai’r Hall; his niece, Kenya Hall; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....	Myron Smith
Seating of the Family.....	The Funeral Director
Hymn of Comfort.....	“Amazing Grace”
Prayer of Comfort.....	Dawud Rasul
Scripture Readings.....	Roslyn Bryant
Old Testament - Psalm 23	
New Testament - John 14:1-6	
Solo.....	Tyrone Dunlap
Special Tribute.....	Robert Ramire Rouse and Kiel Hall
Acknowledgements.....	Robert Ramire Rouse
Obituary.....	Bernice Tucker
Solo.....	“Going Up Yonder” .....Tyrone Dunlap
Eulogy .....	Rev. James W. Holcombe <i>Unity Baptist Church of the Oranges Orange, New Jersey</i>
Recessional.....	Clergy and Family

## **Interment**

*Graceland Memorial Park  
1900 Galloping Hill Road  
Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033*

## **Repast**

*Immediately following the interment family  
and friends are invited for a repast at  
Bella Italia  
535 Central Avenue • Orange, NJ  
973-676-4300 • 973-678-5538*

# *“Blackness Is”*

Blackness is being black and being proud because it's a proud race that you are. Blackness is living or dying for a cause; a cause that you know is right! Blackness is standing beside your Black brother in the time of need. This is the time!! Blackness is having the will and the power to overcome any obstacle that stands in your path!! Blackness is knowing and being aware of what is happening to your people. Blackness is knowing for yourself that you are black.  
Right on for Blackness.

***Written by Robert Rouse***

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Robert Rouse** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

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