

Celebrating The Life of
Cleveland Kirkland

June 15, 1923 – March 21, 2017



-Services Celebration

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - 11:00 A.M.

Visitation: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - 10:00 A.M.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Pastor Ron Gonzalez, Officiating

Christ Church, Montclair, NJ



Reflections of Life

**Seaman First Class WWII Navy Veteran
Cleveland Kirkland
1923 – 2017**

Seaman First Class WWII Navy Veteran, Cleveland Kirkland, age 93, passed away, Tuesday at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, after living a rich and full life of giving and service to mankind.

Cleveland “Boss Man” Kirkland, was born on June 15, 1923, in De Kalb, Kershaw County, South Carolina. He was born to Ancrum and Loma Kirkland, both of Kershaw County, South Carolina. At the age of 20, he and family members moved north to New York City, where he enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country proudly.

After completing his tour of duty, Cleveland “Boss Man” Kirkland, settled in Paterson, New Jersey, where he became owner and proprietor of Cleve’s Eastside Barbershop, a well-known establishment and one of the oldest businesses of its kind in the state.

Cleve’s Eastside Barbershop was in business for close to 50 years and was known as a rejuvenating resting stop, where members of the community could find comfort, support and encouragement. It was continually filled with laughter and acceptance.

“Boss Man” was also known for his generosity, often providing free hair-cuts to those interviewing for a job, and most notably to students during the back-to-school season. He was also known to provide apprenticeships and mentoring opportunities to men and women looking to jump start their cosmetology careers or re-engage in society. He provided these opportunities to community members long before it became fashionable.

In addition to being a giver, he was a farmer at heart and could often be found renovating a city lot to grow crops for area residents or simply growing tomatoes in Styrofoam cups, all of which he would give away.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara Ann Kirkland.

Seaman First Class WWII Navy veteran, Cleveland Kirkland, was a giving and patient man, but most of all, he was a loving father. He is survived by sons Seiyid Bilal Mohammed (“Norman”), Kenneth Pilgrim and Michael Kirkland; daughters Lillian Kirkland, Helena Pilgrim, Wendy Hayles, Wanda Nunes, Karen Randle, Susan Kirkland and Assata McCombs; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Ancrum and Loma Kirkland, older sister Mozelle Kirkland, a younger brother Floyd Kirkland and a daughter Barbara Ann Kirkland; as well as Grace Kirkland, JaCynthia Pilgrim, Sandra Jackson and Delphine McCombs.

*In lieu of flowers, donations in Cleveland Kirkland’s name may be made to
The Alzheimer’s Association, www.alz.org*

Home Going
&
Celebration of Life

Prelude

Prayer.....Pastor Ron Gonzalez

Selection.....Ms. Constance Leverett

Scripture.....Pastor Ron Gonzalez

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Reflections.....Family and Friends

Obituary.....Fitz-Albert Hayles

Eulogy.....Karen Randle

Benediction.....Pastor Ron Gonzalez

Recessional

Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Family Tree

A limb has fallen from the family tree
I hear a voice that whispers, 'Grieve not for me'
Remember the best times, the laughter, the songs
The good I lived while I was strong
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you
Keep on smiling, the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest
Remembering all...how I was truly blessed
Continue traditions, no matter how small
Go on with your lives, don't stare at the wall
I miss you all dearly so keep up your chin
Until that fine day we're together again



Acknowledgement

We, the entire family of **Cleveland Kirkland**, express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all who have shown kindness and support throughout this process, and most of all, during his life. We, like you, continue to celebrate his time with us.

~Children and Family

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