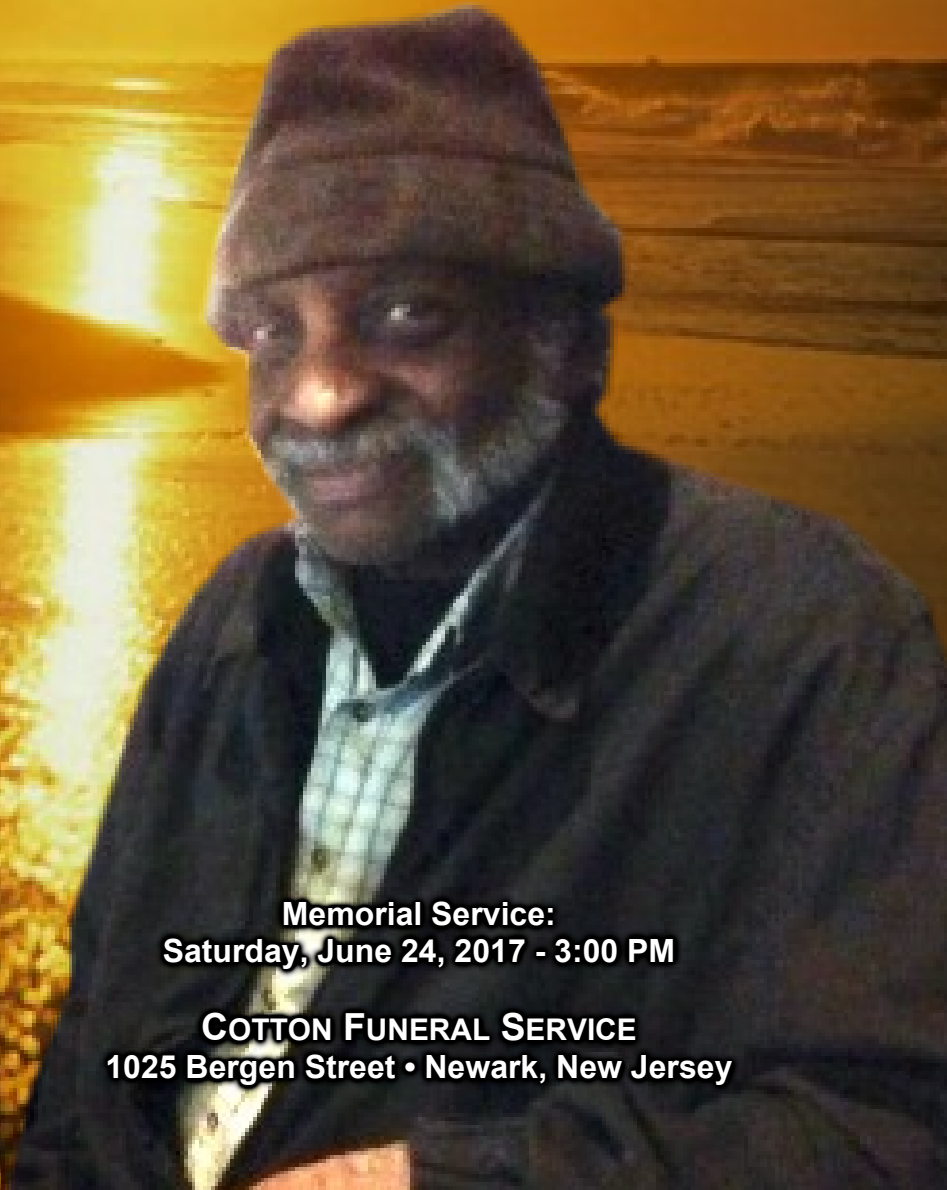


A Celebration of Life Ceremony
Honoring
Wilbur Cortez Gasque, Jr.

Sunrise: July 16, 1941 - Sunset: June 13, 2017



Memorial Service:
Saturday, June 24, 2017 - 3:00 PM

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1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Wilbur Cortez Gasque, Jr., affectionately known as “Big Six”, was born July 16, 1941 in Gresham, South Carolina to Cortez Sr. and Missouri (Elizabeth) Gasque; both of whom preceded him in death. He was granted his wings on June 13, 2017. “Big Six” was educated in the Marion County School System. In 1958, Six graduated from Terrells Bay High School at the age of sixteen.

During the early 1960’s he migrated to Newark, New Jersey in hopes of creating a better life for himself. On January 21, 1964, Six enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served during the Vietnam War and received an Honorable Discharge. On December 1, 1967, Six married Rosa Mae Baker. The couple had four beautiful daughters.

Big Six was a hardworking man. He began working at L.A. Piccirillo Incorporated as a truck driver and was promoted to salesman. He worked there selling Colt 45 and other spirits to local liquor stores, until he retired in 2011 due to illness.

In his spare time, Six enjoyed hanging at local bars where he was a friend to all who knew him. He enjoyed shooting pool, dancing, and listening to music. He was often seen hanging out with his daughters, laughing, joking, and reminiscing. He had a great love for his daughters and they had an even greater love for him. Six had an awesome sense of humor and enjoyed talking trash with his friends. When Six was in the house there was never a dull moment! He touched the lives of many in some way by simply being himself.

Six was preceded in death by his younger siblings, Earnest and Doris Gasque and his only son, Cartez Jackson. He leaves to cherish his memory four daughters: Michelle Gasque-Walker (Vernon, Sr.) of East Orange, New Jersey, Sheila Gasque of Newark, New Jersey, Sandra Gasque, of Perth Amboy, New Jersey and Rachel Gasque of Newark, New Jersey. He is also survived by two aunts and an uncle: Lillie Mae Hills of Darlington, South Carolina, Katie Graves of Gresham, South Carolina, and J.D. Fleming of Plainfield, New Jersey. His legacy includes ten awesome grandchildren, and three adorable great-grandchildren, in addition to a host of other relatives and friends. Big Six will be missed by many!

Order of Service

***“I am at peace, my soul’s at rest
There’s no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years.”***

- Scripture & Prayer.....Rachel Gasque
- The Obituary..... Sheila Gasque
- Reflections.....2-minute maximum
- Poem.....“Weep Not for Me”
Candace Gasque
- Musical Tribute..... “Don’t Cry for Me”
Sandra Gasque
- Military Honors..... United States Army Honor Guard



Weep Not for Me

By an Unknown Author

Weep not for me though I have gone
Into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet fight
I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years
There is no pain, I suffer not
The fear is now all gone
Put now these things out of your thoughts
In your memory I live on
Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death
But celebrate my life

Acknowledgement

We, the Gasque family would like to thank each of you for your prayers, condolences, and gestures of kindness, during our time of loss. God Bless You!

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