

# Kenneth Hughes Ellis

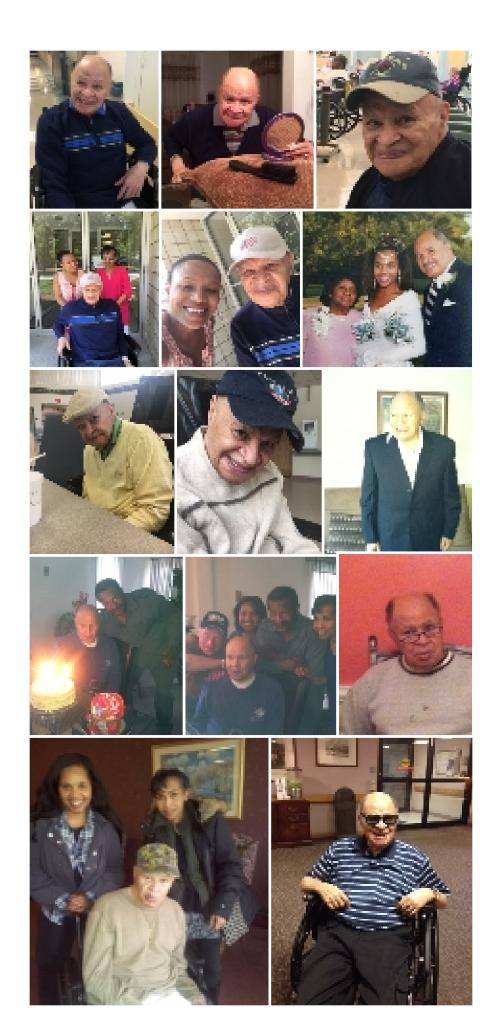
Sunrise: April 25, 1929 Sunset: December 5, 2017

#### Service:

Monday, December 11, 2017 11:00 a.m.

#### COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street Orange, New Jersey 07050



### <u>Obituary</u>

Kenneth was born on April 25, 1929 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Robert Heywood and Leslie Carlton Ellis. He was raised in Newark and attended Newark Public Schools. For many years he worked at the Seton Leather Factory and then held various jobs including employment as an Orderly at Orange Memorial Hospital. As a young man, Kenny turned many heads when he walked down the street immaculately dressed in stylish suits of the day. During this time, he joined the Newark Auxiliary Police and became an active member of the community.

He was married to the late Fayette Olivia Vaughan and together they had five children, JoAnn, Cheryl Ellis Thomas, David, Olivia (Libby) Ellis Roman, and Christopher. Kenneth is survived by his son-in-laws, Steven Thomas and Israel Roman along with grandchildren, Tiarra Ellis, Brittany Prinster, Janai Hearns, Brandon and Avery Roman, and Kayla Ellis. He also leaves to cherish his memory his nieces and nephews, Telesha, Aprile, Andre, Jill, John and Melanie.

Kenneth was known for his good nature and sunny disposition. He loved music, especially songs by the Ink Spots, Drifters, Platters and other male groups. He would often sing, dance and imitate famous singers such as Harry Belafonte and movie stars, even winning amateur talent shows.

He was much loved by his siblings, Charles, twin brother, Richard and his wife, Elizabeth, Ruth Cumbo (deceased), Barbara Curvin and her husband William and Joan Love.

Kenneth will be remembered for his willingness to help others, his ability to love people, and his appreciation of life

He leaves behind a host of friends and relatives.











### Order of Service

Opening

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Hymn "Going Up Yonder"

Poem *I'm Free* 

Reflections

Hymn "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Eulogy

Recessional

### **INTERMENT**

Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!

### <u>Acknowledgement</u>

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

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