

The Celebration of Life
of
Ray Hopeton Irving

Sunrise: July 23, 1946 - Sunset: December 23, 2017



Memorial Service:

Saturday, January 20, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey 07050

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.



Obituary

“Beloved Father, Grandfather and Brother”

Ray Hopeton Irving passed away on Saturday December 23, 2017 at the age of 71 while under care at the Brook Heaven Health Care Center.

Ray was born on July 23, 1946 to Sydney and Louise Irving; he was the second of four children. He attended elementary school in Montego Bay and soon started helping his father in his Bar; this propelled him into the hotel industry, where he excelled to the post of Food and Beverage Manager. He continued to run and owned the bar at 24 Hart Street after his father passed. He was skilled bartender and chef; who enjoyed going to the beach and playing a game of pool. He was an early riser always ready to work. Ray worked in several major Hotels in Jamaica; he was well respected and was active as a trade unionist. He later did courses at University of West Indies on the subject matter.

He loved books, poetry, baking and made the best cornmeal pudding. Ray catered to be everyone. He was a gentle soul who mostly practiced a vegan lifestyle and was always positive no matter what. He embraced the Ethiopian Orthodox lifestyle and worn locks for a period of his life. He was spiritual and gave praises to God.

He was loved everywhere he went and was known for his red Jaguar motor car in his early years. Ray loved to travel and soon started working on a cruise ship; he found a love for New Jersey and would visit his sister Delores there. In 2008, he migrated to New Jersey where he went to school for creative writing in New York.

He was father to eight children Raymond, Michelle, Tsahai, Dwayne, Zara, Ta'amra, Andrew and Arthur and grandfather of ten grandchildren. He is survived by his ex-wives Marlene Irving and Hazel Irving and sisters Delores Irving and Menkat Ra' (Pauline Irving), other family and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Sydney and Louise Irving 1981 and 2006.

May his soul rest in peace as he is sadly and deeply missed.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

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Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

The Broken Chain

We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

Acknowledgement

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.

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