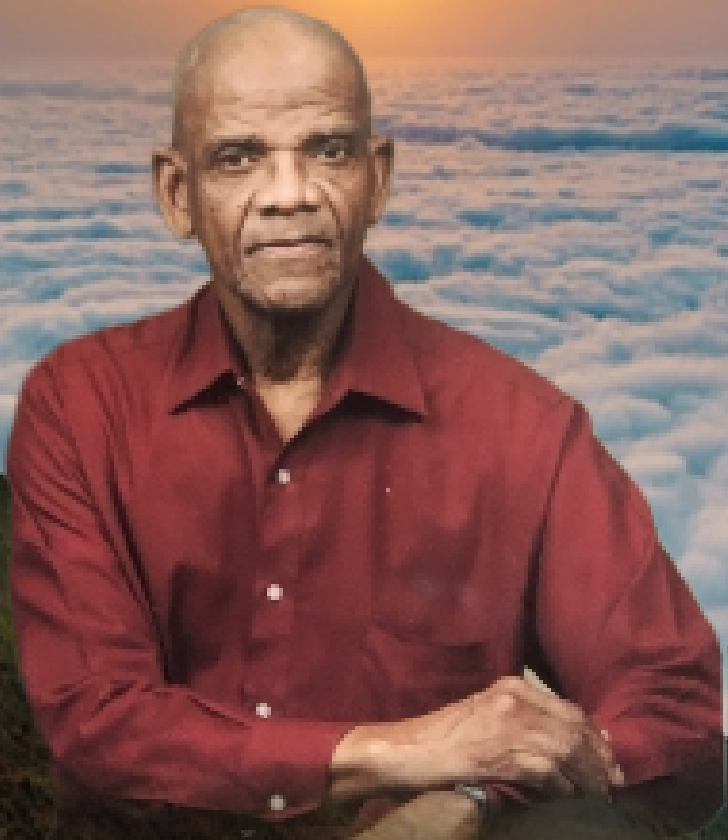


In Loving Memory of
Franklin Stephen Cumberbatch, Sr.

Sunrise
July 12, 1942

Sunset
April 24, 2020



Service

Monday, May 11, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

Plinton Curry Funeral Home
428 Elizabeth Avenue • Somerset, NJ 08873
Rev. Abraham Lotha, PhD, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Franklin S. Cumberbatch, Sr., known to many as “Frankie”, 77, passed away on April 24, 2020 at 5:45 sunset, at St. Peter’s University Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ, due to complications from COVID 19.

Franklin is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ruby Cumberbatch, brother, Mitland Cumberbatch, sons Franklin Jr. and Fernando, in-laws David Hoffman and Sol-Ana Martinez, nephew Antonio Cumberbatch and grandson Julian Cumberbatch and countless family members. He is predeceased by his mother and father, Mitland “Fred” Cumberbatch and Hermina Cumberbatch, sister, Marva Dudley, nieces Antonietta Dudley-Sartor and Thyria Caldwell, as well as numerous aunts and uncles.

Franklin Cumberbatch, Sr. was born on July 12, 1942, in the Panama Canal Zone. He attended and graduated from Instituto Tecnológico Rodolfo, a technical high school in Panama. Early on, he was a well-known member of a Batutero team (baton twirling) that competed all over. He was also member of a traveling bowling team, in which he later continued to pursue as a hobby. Like his father, Franklin worked on the Canal Zone in Panama. He then followed his brother and other family members in migrating to the United States in November, 1980, where he looked forward to furthering his skills with better opportunities, later bringing over his wife and two boys.

Franklin eventually settled in Highland Park, NJ, where he raised his family, later on becoming an active member in the Youth Facilities within the town. Early on, he worked for Mattel, Continental Cans and Revlon as a Machine Technician. Later, he continued to use his various skills in other fields, such as an auto mechanic, and even a chef at the then Marriot Hotel in Somerset, NJ. When Franklin wasn’t working, and spending time with his family, he was bowling. Bowling was a love and passion of his. After retirement, he continued to participate in bowling leagues at the previously known Brunswick Zone in North Brunswick, NJ, in which he was also part time security.

Franklin will be remembered by his large family, extended family and friends – for his warm, welcoming manner, yet stern approach towards pushing others to be their best selves. He will always be remembered for his laughter and charisma at family outings – showing off his dance moves to calypso – and of course his competitive trash talk (winning or losing) during Dominoes.

A private memorial service for the immediate family will be held at Plinton-Curry Funeral Home in Somerset, NJ on Monday, May 11th, 2020 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family ask that you make donations in his honor to the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America. alzfdn.org.

Order of Service

Invocation

Rev. Abraham Lotha

Hymn of Comfort

Khadijah Islah Mohammed

Reflections

Obituary Reading

David Hoffman

Hymn of Comfort

Khadijah Islah Mohammed

Eulogy

Rev. Abraham

Cremation & Burial

Franklin Memorial Park

Somerset, New Jersey

Because The Angels Came

No more grief or sorrow, no more suffering or pain, now there is everlasting peace because the angels came. Only God knows what is best and He gently holds my hand . Guiding me to a better place because the angels came. When the sun rises tomorrow and I answer not my name, Please don't cry Rejoice with me because the angels came. I now can rest in peace as I never could before. answered the gentle knock of the angels at my door. So please don't mourn for me as new wings I now claim, I can take my flight to heaven because the angels came.

-Author unknown



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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