

*Homegoing Celebration For*  
*Errol B. Petgrave Sr.*



Sunrise: March 21, 1947

Sunset: May 31, 2022

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022 - 10:30 am**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

1430 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060

# Obituary

Errol Barrington Petgrave Sr. was born in Kingston Jamaica to Icilda Gordon and Rupert Martin Petgrave. He learned sheet metal and plumbing from his father as a trade and amazing cooking skills from his mother with Asian roots.

As a young boy in Jamaica, he loved fishing and crabbing by the seaport and playing mischief with his cousins Joseph Barton and Leslie (Mann) Petgrave. He had two children, Sharon and Paul, with June McIntosh and worked as a cook and butler on an American Naval ship which eventually led him to migrate in 1969 to Bronx, NY. In 1970, he married Vivienne Edwards and had a daughter, Patricia. He joined Amtrak in March 1977 as a sheet metal worker and retired in 2007 due to a debilitating car accident. He had another daughter, Christine, much later in life.

Errol bought his first home in 1981 in Irvington and raised his family there. He planted a peach tree which gave him many years of sweet fruit which he boasted of and shared his bounty from his garden with everyone in the neighborhood. Known as a jack of all trades and passion for fixing things, family, friends and neighbors came to rely on him when emergency repairs were needed. He loved having nephews, nieces, grandchildren, and anyone within reach to hold tools to keep him company as he is working on home projects and impart his knowledge. He spent most of his time after his disability on his front porch observing the neighborhood and engaging in friendly banter with the younger generation. His final years were spent being tenderly cared for by Marcia and Angie who were both present alongside his daughters holding his hands in his final moments surrounded by love.

He is survived by his daughter, Sharon Petgrave-Rivers and her sons, Delvin, Andre, and Ajaden. His son, Errol Petgrave Jr and his children Julian, Errol III (PJ), Alicia, Alyssa (Asa), Austin (Alex), Arjun (Zander), and Amari. His daughter, Patricia Petgrave-Smikle and her children Zaida and Kaiden. Youngest daughter, Christine. His siblings, Olive Campbell, Roselyn Asselin, Gloria Burrowes, Joan Petgrave, and Anthony Hines and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

*Requiem Mass of the Resurrection in Thanksgiving  
for the Life of Errol Petgrave*

Officiant and Celebrant: *The Very Rev. Angelo S. Wildgoose+*

Preacher: *The Very Rev. Angelo S. Wildgoose+*

Organist: *Prof. Richard Alston*

The Opening Burial Sentences.....BCP 491 The Opening  
Hymn.....How Great Thou Art.....LEVAS 60

**The Proclamation of the Word**

The Collect.....BCP 493  
The Old Testament Lesson...Ecclesiastes 3:1-10.....Lisa Petgrave  
Psalm 23.....Errol Petgrave III  
The New Testament Lesson.....1 John 3:1-2.....Christine Petgrave  
The Gradual Hymn.....At The Cross.....LEVAS 30  
The Gospel.....John 14:1-6  
The Homily.....The Very Rev. Angelo S. Wildgoose  
The Apostle's Creed.....BCP 496  
The Prayers of the People.....BCP 497

**The Peace**

Eulogy.....Patricia Petgrave  
Reflections.....Alicia Petgrave & Errol Petgrave III

**The Eucharist**

Offertory.....Amazing Grace.....LEVAS 181  
Eucharistic Prayer B.....BCP 367

**The Administration of the Blessed Sacrament**

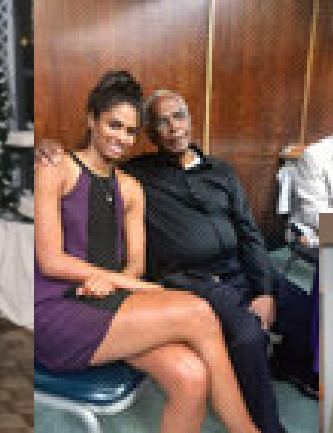
Communion Hymn.....Take My Hand Precious Lord.....LEVAS 106  
His Eye is on the Sparrow.....LEVAS 191  
The Post Communion Prayer.....BCP 498  
The Commendation.....BCP 499  
The Blessing and Dismissal.....BCP 500  
Recessional Hymn.....It Is Well with My Soul.....LEVAS 188

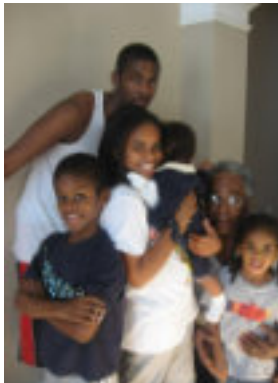
*Interment*

Rosehill Cemetery  
792 E. Edgar Rd  
Linden, NJ 07036



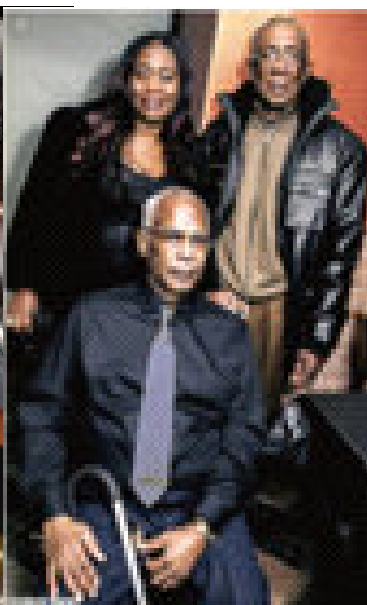
BELOVED MOTHER  
ICILDIA GORDON  
12-6-24 - 6-14-89







*Precious Memories*



*Forever In Our Hearts*

## Pall Bearers

Leslie Petgrave  
Julian Petgrave  
Austin Petgrave  
Amari Petgrave

Errol Petgrave Jr  
Errol Petgrave III  
Arjun Petgrave  
Richard Staniger



## *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of the late Mr. Errol Barrington Petgrave Sr. are filled with the deep appreciation for the expressions of compassion and understanding of our friends and relatives who consoled our hearts during the loss of our loved one. May God Bless each of you.

– The Petgrave Family

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