

*In Loving*

*Memory*

*of*

*Edward Perry*

Sunrise: February 19, 1944

Sunset: July 18, 2022

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022 - 11:00 AM**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating*

*Joshua Nelson, Organist*

# OBITUARY

Edward Perry was born on February 19, 1944 in Rocky Mount, N.C. to Billie and Berta Perry. He was the second child of eleven children. As a young child, Edward would move to Newark, NJ with his family.

The blend of his “salt and pepper” hair would soon lend him the nickname “Pepper”. He affectionately became known to family and friends as “Pepper”, “Pep” and “Uncle Pepper”.

Edward was employed with Newark Cadillac during his younger years of life. However, Pepper was a “Boss” by nature. His hands were blessed with a skill of carpentry which became his livelihood. He remained self-employed until he was no longer able to do what he loved. This blessing of his touched many people. Edward was creative with his work with the ability to build, repair and often provide freestyle designs for his customers. This blessing also allowed him to bless family and friends with gainful employment throughout the years of his career. If you saw him sitting and gazing at the ceiling, you knew his thoughts were about his next great project!

Pepper had an eye for fashion and took great pride in looking good from head to toe! Cars were also a favorite of his. Particularly, his Cadillac. Pep enjoyed getting dressed, smelling good and driving his Caddy to spend time with family and friends to end his work week. Once he arrived, the party would start. All the children knew Uncle Pep was about to make it “rain”! The adults knew it as well and would join in on the fun of the “money toss”. He also had a love for music. The Delfonics, The Whispers, and Blue Magic were a few of his favorites.

In 1968, Edward met his love, Jennie Beck. This union gave birth to his youngest daughter, Celeste Candie Rivers, and would last until he left this earth.

A son, father, brother, and protector are just a few titles to describe him best.

On Monday, July 18, Edward Perry made a peaceful transition surrounded by his family and leaves many to cherish his memory. He is survived by his Wife, Jennie Beck of Irvington, NJ; Children, Michele Perry of San Antonio, TX, Eddie (Charise) Perry of No. Brunswick, NJ, Dionne (Darren) Price of San Antonio, TX, Carla (Joseph) Barrow of San Antonio, TX, Anji McDonald of Raleigh, NC, Candie (Jeffrey) Rivers of Plainfield, NJ; Grandchildren, Tia Perry, Latanya Waller, Lamar Ash, Tenee S. Winstead, Tianna (John) Dokes, Dwayne Curry, Shanise L. Curry, Da’Shon E. Curry, Marquis R. Perry, Michael J. Perry, Aliyah N. Perry, Anthony Delacruz, Jasmin McDonald, Thomas Kithcart, Michael James Jr., Tynasia Dye; Great grandchildren, Samara Ash, Andre Lozano, Mia Dokes, Matthew Dokes, Myles Dokes, Anthony Avery Watson, Jaquil Waller, Tatanay Manning, Taliyah Bing, Justin Meyer, Brandon Meyer, Jelena Guzman, Peter Curry, Leon Guzman, Eli Curry, Nylah Parvelus; Mother, Berta Perry of Newark, NJ; Five sisters, Costine Scott Perry of Newark, NJ, Barbara Perry of Newark, NJ, Gloria Perry Malbon of Newark, NJ, Shirley Perry of Trenton, NJ, Cynthia Perry of Newark, NJ; One brother, Ronnie Perry of Newark, NJ. Followed by dozens of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Edward was predeceased in death by his father, the late Billie Perry Sr., his three beloved sisters Annette “Shahida” Nelson, Delphine Perry, Lois Perry and his beloved brother, Billy N. Perry Jr.

# 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

## INTERMENT

Clover Leaf Memorial Park  
Woodbridge, 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!

-author unknown

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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