



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BERT REGINALD BERRY

February 12, 1930 - October 12, 2022

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022

SERVICE: 10:00 AM

WHIGHAM FUNERAL HOME

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Newark, NJ 07102

Rev. Wayne T. Berry, Officiating

OBITUARY

Bert Reginald Berry was born in Newark, NJ on February 12, 1930 to his now deceased parents Bert, Sr. and Beatrice Williams.

At an early age, Bert demonstrated leadership qualities. He organized a youth group called the “Corsairs”, named after a World War II fighter plane. This youth group was composed of both boys and girls who were popular for their charitable work in the community.

He attended Robert Treat Jr. High School in Newark, NJ and graduated from the 9th grade. He then attended Barringer High School where he excelled in football as an All-City half back.

He received a football scholarship to Winston Salem State University, but transferred to Howard University during his sophomore year. After graduating from Howard University, Bert received his Masters Degree in Supervision & Administration from Montclair State University.

Bert was employed by the Newark Public Schools for over 40 years. He taught school in the city of Newark and became Project Coordinator in the Title 1 Program at Camden Street Middle School then Miller Street School. He was then promoted to Principal of Chancellor Avenue School.

In September 1971, Bert became the first Principal of the newly built 13th Avenue Elementary school serving over 4600 students. At that time, it was the largest elementary school in NJ.

After a successful educational career, Bert retired in 1993.

During his time at Winston Salem, he met the love of his life, Ruth Johnson. They enjoyed 68 years of happily wedded bliss.

On the outside Bert may have seemed like a stern and serious person, but he had a keen sense of humor. He was a jokester and always made everyone around him feel at ease. In addition, Bert was an avid sports fan. The Cleveland Browns and Michigan Wolverines were two of his favorite teams just to name a few. In the prime of his life, he was in such great shape that he would run several times a month from his home in West Orange to Weequahic Park, loop the lake and back home, a distance of over 15 miles.

Bert was truly blessed. He departed this life on October 12, 2022. He was preceded in death by his loving mother, Beatrice Williams; and father, Bert Sr. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Ruth Berry; one son, Bruce Berry; daughter-in-law, Angela Berry; granddaughter, Brittany Berry; two sisters, Beverly Berry Baker and Marilyn Berry; and a host of loving relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Organist

Prayer of Comfort

Minister Mecal Jones

Scripture Reading

Old Testament (Psalm 46:1-2)

read by Rev. Wayne T. Berry



New Testament (Matthew 25:23)

read by Rev. Wayne T. Berry



Song Selection

Organist

Acknowledgements

Cards & Condolences

Reflections

Mr. Michael Schiavo

Lyndon Brown

Friends and Family

Obituary Reading

Mr. Wallace Greene

Song Selection

Organist

Eulogy

Rev. Wayne T. Berry

Recessional



BE NOT AFRAID



Be not afraid" the Master, said,
"I'm with you always," so instead
Of shouldering my cross alone,
I place my burden on His own.
For I'm not nearly strong enough,
To make it when the going's rough,
And it's a comfort to believe
"You need but ask Me to receive"
Handed down to me through time,
These blessed words of hope,
And I'm Renewed in spirit to recall
"Am I not Father to you all?"
One day these feet shall cease to roam,
Earth's but my temporary home
I was in truth for Heaven made,
And so I shall not be afraid.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of **Bert Reginald Berry** will remember and cherish your many expressions of love, sympathy and prayers so graciously extended. Thank you and may God Bless you.

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