

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Jonah Earl Perry, Sr.

SUNRISE: September 11, 1945

SUNSET: September 5, 2024

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Viewing: 12pm - 2pm

Service: 2pm

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Obituary

Jonah Earl Perry, Sr., was born September 10, 1945, per his mother, but in 1991, he discovered the state of North Carolina recorded his birth September 11, 1945. He was born to the late Ben Odis Perry, Sr. and Mary Madaline Perry. He was preceded in death by his son, Edmund Evans Perry, and his beloved wife of 26 years, Veronica Virginia (Holder) Perry. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Virgie Weathers, Magalene Cobb, and Beulah White; two brothers, Ben O. Perry, Jr. and Willie Rudolph Perry, Sr.

Jonah attended Bertie County Public Schools, and at the age of 18, he left North Carolina to set his sights on a new life that led him to New York City. He met up with his brother Rudolph, who ran numbers together briefly. During this intriguing venture, he met the love of his life, Veronica, who envisioned the great potential in Jonah. The two married in 1965, which shifted his career to become a taxi driver. This profession allowed him to provide for his family for over 30 years and create a solid foundation. The couple had three children: Jonah Jr., Edmund, and Nicol. Jonah was a loving father who stressed the importance of a good work ethic, which would take you far in life to be successful.

Providing for his family was a priority, and playing a friendly game of pool for financial gain was a skill he mastered. Jonah loved playing cards, spending time with extended family and friends, and expressing his thoughts through laughter. Jonah had never met a stranger, and people gravitated to him because of his explosive personality and inviting smile.

His eldest son, Jonah Jr., reminisced when his daddy would pack up the blue Buick station wagon with everyone inside, load lots of food, and take them to Riverside Park for fun. A fond memory of his daughter Nicol is when her daddy taught her how to put accessories on her bike and change a tire for her to be more independent.

Jonah Earl Perry, Sr.'s legacy will continue through his children, Jonah Earl Perry, Jr. (Trina) and Nicol Perry; his grandchildren, Kashane Hamilton and Jonah Perry III; bonus grandchild, Jayla; and his godson, Frankie Tyner. He is survived by his siblings, Velnonia Bazemore, Alexander Perry (Brenda), Quintella Holley (Sherman), and Dianne Wilson (Franklin); 3 sisters-in-law, Virginia Perry, Norma George, and Dorothy Cook. Jonah was loved by a host of nephews, nieces, extended family, and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude/Viewing
Video Montage

Processional

Song of Celebration
"I Can Only Imagine"
Latashia Williams

Reading of Holy Scriptures:
Yolanda Ford-Mitchell
Old Testament: Isaiah 41:10
New Testament: John 14:1-3

Prayer of Comfort
Yolanda Ford-Mitchell

Selection
Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Acknowledgements
Latashia Williams

Reflections
Selected Family/Friends

Obituary
Read silently (Soft Music)

Song of Celebration
Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Eulogy
Rev. James Kilgore

Benediction
Rev. James Kilgore

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION
Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey



Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.
-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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