

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to us during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

The Jefferson Family

Funeral Service

Horne's Funeral Home
3855 South Main Street
Farmville, NC 27828

Repast

Community Fellowship Church
4111 South Main Street
Farmville, NC 27828

HOMEGOING SERVICE

Joe Louis Jefferson



SERVICE

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 - 12:00 P.M.
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Joe Louis Jefferson

Sunrise: May 8, 1940

Sunset: December 31, 2018

One of the original "J" Boys, Joe Louis Jefferson was born May 8th, 1940. Joe Louis was the 4th child of 7 born to Otto Jefferson Sr. and Mattie Vines-Jefferson. He was named after the "Brown Bomber," Joe Louis, who defeated Max Schmelling in a title bout that year.

Joe Louis attended the Pitt County, North Carolina school system and graduated from H.B. Sugg High School in Farmville, North Carolina. In high school, he was voted "Most likely to succeed." After graduation, Joe Louis proudly served in the United States Army where his strong work ethic and leadership skills propelled him to become squad leader. While in the Army, he worked as a barber, which allowed him to financially support his family back home. Joe Louis was extremely supportive of his parents and siblings. After his service in the Army was complete, he acquired his barber's license in Harlem, NY. In a short time, he was able to purchase the barber shop, in which he worked, along with 2 attached properties. He owned the corner of 695 Washington Ave, Brooklyn, NY.

Joe Louis had a profound belief in God and a will to be great! Once his mind was set, no obstacle or challenge could get in his way. He was known for saying, "If you want your prayers answered, get off your knees and hustle."

Joe Louis was an innovator, entrepreneur and a visionary. He created his own hair product line, "Joy-Joyce hair products" named after his wife Joyce Jefferson. His products have been sold at hair shows, featured in trade magazines and distributed through a partnership with Independent Beauty supply of Jersey City. He even had a mural of his products painted on one of his buildings in Brooklyn.

Joe Louis first laid eyes on his future wife while watching a parade. "That's my woman," he said to himself, disregarding the fact that she had a boyfriend. He told her boyfriend, a tall basketball player, "Hey, you were just holding her for me. Now she's mine!" Joe later went on to marry Joyce. From this union came Joel Jefferson and Jamil Jefferson. He was a proud and protective family man. He loved his family deeply. He danced and partied with his nieces, hugged and high fived his nephews and showed great love for his cousins.

Joe Louis always had something funny to say. He was not afraid to call it like he saw it. His amazing presence would light up a room the moment he entered. Those who were around him felt blessed to be caught up in his beautiful light and energy.

As his health deteriorated, he knew something was wrong. However, he fought the good fight until his struggle became too great. On December 31st, God called Joe Louis home to live in peace and be in paradise.

Joe is preceded in death by his mother, Mattie Vines-Jefferson; his father, Otto Jefferson Sr.; his brothers, Allen Jefferson, Otto "Toe Boy" Jefferson, Jr., Carl Lee Jefferson and Johnny Jefferson. He is also preceded by two nieces: Debra "Dale" Bullock, and Gwen Jefferson.

Left to honor Joe Louis and remember his love is his beloved wife Joyce Jefferson; two sons, Joel (Veronica) and Jamil Jefferson; three grandchildren, Indoneajah Karin Hall, NaJuan Myers and Solymar Chloe Jefferson; two brothers, Mardie Jefferson (Katina) and William "Bill" Jefferson (Carlotta); one sister, Runell Jefferson-Artis; special nieces, Gwen Lawson (Pete) and Peggy Simmons (Greg); his God-daughter, Gwen Carmon; a special someone who he admired like his own, Paige Thompson. He also leaves behind a greater host of family and friends.

SERVICE

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Pastor Lester Gay</i>
<i>Entrance Music</i>	<i>"He Saw the Best in Me", Marvin Sapp</i>
<i>Welcome and Introduction</i>	<i>Pastor Lester Gay</i>
<i>Song (1)</i>	<i>Diane Bullock</i>
<i>Song (2)</i>	<i>The Vines Sisters</i>
<i>Song (3)</i>	<i>Laquan Roger</i>
<i>Reading of the Obituary</i>	<i>Gwen Carmon</i>
<i>Bible Reading (1)</i>	<i>Jimmy Vines</i>
<i>Bible Reading (2)</i>	<i>Glen Vines</i>
<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Family and friends</i>
<i>Exit song</i>	<i>"Faith", Kirk Franklin</i>
<i>Commitment Service</i>	<i>Horne's Funeral Home</i>
<i>Repast</i>	<i>Community Fellowship Church</i>