

Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

The Meekins Family wishes to express appreciation for the cards, calls and acts of sympathy and support extended to them during this time of bereavement. We wish to express our thanks to the staff at Hancock Park and Kindred Hospice for the care Bob received at the end of his life. A very special thank you to Nurse Juana.

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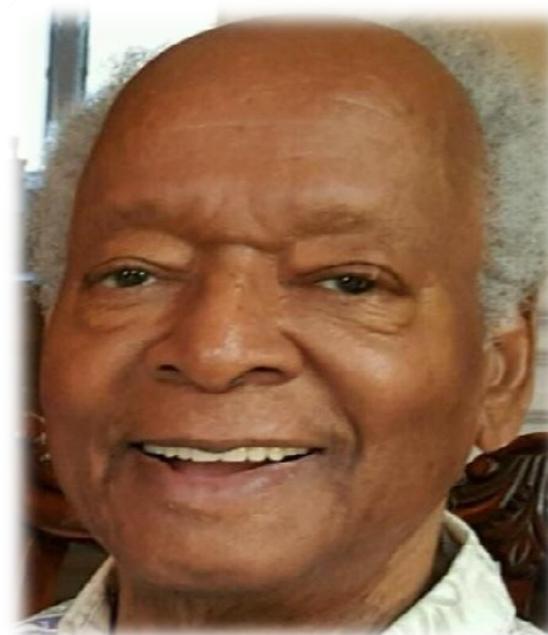
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Forest Hill Cemetery
95 Forest Hills Avenue
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Home Going Service
For

Robert Douglas Meekins, Sr.



Sunrise
August 10, 1930

Sunset
November 13, 2022

Services

Tuesday – November 22, 2022
Wake: 10:00 A.M.
Service: 11:00 A.M.

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Robert Douglas Meekins, Sr.

August 10, 1930 – November 13, 2022

Order of Service



11:00 A.M.

Robert Douglas Meekins Sr., 92, passed away peacefully at Hancock Park, on November 13, 2022. Robert (*Bob*) was born August 10, 1930 to Quentin Frederick and Mabel Regina Meekins in Newton, MA.

At the age of six, the family moved to Roxbury, MA where he spent the remainder of his childhood. He went on to attend the historic Boston English High School. While at English High School, he ran track, played football and was a drummer in the City Championship Drum and Bugle Corps. After graduating in 1949, he worked as a printer before joining the United States Air Force in 1951.

Robert was a proud veteran who served during the Korean War and was stationed in Japan. He honorably served from 1951 to 1955, earning the Korean Service Medal, United Nation Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He was also part of the 3650th Drill team in Geneva, NY in 1952.

Upon his return home to Roxbury, he met and fell in love with Mattie Lewistine Meekins. They soon married in 1957. Robert and Mattie chose to settle and make their lives together in Dorchester, MA where they raised three sons: Robert Douglas Meekins Jr., Gregory Quentin Meekins, and William Avery Powell. He taught them character and responsibility, leading by example. One of his mottos was, “*Be prepared*”.



Prayer of Comfort
The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Reading of the Obituary
Sandra Paupaw (Watson)

Video Tribute

Acknowledgements/Remarks (2 minutes please)

Final Viewing



Jazz Playing



A dedicated husband and father, Robert provided for his family and worked for the Boston Gas Company as a service technician. He retired after 20+ years of service. In his retirement, he was a devoted grandfather to his grandchildren and great grandchildren supporting them and helping them in every way he could.

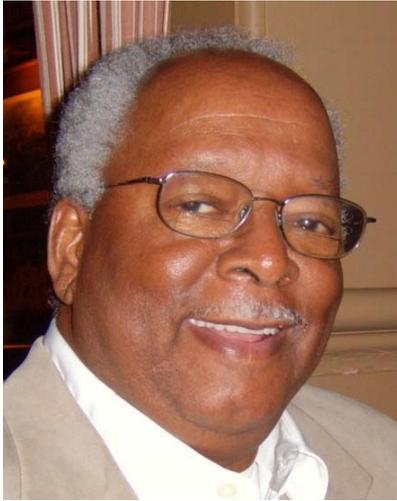
Robert, lovingly known as *Bob, Daddy, Big Bob, Pops, Poppy, and Uncle Bob* by family and friends enjoyed life. He liked to travel, and appreciated good food, drink, and an occasional cigar. He had a sense of humor, enjoyed jazz and soul music, western movies, and watching boxing. If you spent enough time with him, you may have even heard him sing or whistle his favorite tune, or play the bongos! If you ever asked him, “*how are you?*”, he would always respond, “*everything is copacetic*”. We will keep all of these fond memories of him in our hearts.

Robert was predeceased by his parents: Frederick Quentin and Mabel Meekins; brothers, Frederick Herbert Meekins, Edward Meekins, and Ronald C. Meekins; and son, Robert Douglas Meekins Jr.



He is survived by his wife: Mattie L. Meekins; sons: Gregory Q. Meekins and wife Mary T. Meekins); William A. Powell and wife Leona Powell); sister, Mabel Julien; grandchildren: La Toia S. Alexandre and husband, Job J. Alexandre; Quentin E. Meekins and wife, Stephanie Meekins; Stephon A. Powell, Leah Powell, Jennay Campbell; great grandchildren: Preston T. Alexandre, Cyrah R.N. Alexandre, Jasher D. Alexandre, Jeremiah Meekins, Carter Q. Meekins, Curtis E. Meekins and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In Memory of
Robert D. Meekins, "Daddy"



Good morning family and friends! Unfortunately I caught the dreaded COVID virus and my family and I are not able to travel. However, on this sad day I still wanted the opportunity to share my thoughts about a very good man, Robert D. Meekins "Daddy".

Daddy had a solid gold heart that was as big as a basketball and I'm living proof. Daddy and Ma' are very kind giving people. As you all already know, when other men were abandoning their families and children, they opened their hearts and the door to their home to take in more children, simply because there was a need. Otherwise, I don't know how my life would have turned out.

As a credit to their character, I was always a member of the family, never treated any differently. I was simply a son, brother, nephew, et cetera.

I use to think and wonder *how I can pay them back*. Actually the answer is simple. I have to live a good productive life and pass on the sense of responsibility and character to my children, *"that's legacy"*. I hope and pray my hard work and efforts are deemed worthy.

In developing our character, discipline and sense of responsibility, Daddy had many sayings: Like *"a stitch in time saves nine; "a bird in hand is better than two in a bush"*. But the two that resonated the most with me are *"you have to have a mind of your own, think for yourself"*.

The second isn't a quote but a scripture, John 3:16, *"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life"*. That's the foundation of Christian faith which I believe in - a faith that began with Robert D. Meekins. The things I previously spoke of are my life testimony, proof to me that Jesus Christ is real. Are you a believer?

In closing Daddy was a very good man and the life values I learned from him have served me well. I am forever grateful. He had a heart made of gold and I know we all love him dearly. He will always be in my heart and thoughts.

With Love,
William A. Powell