

Obituary

Joseph Morrison Jr.

Sunrise: March 17, 1924 | **Sunset:** March 9, 2020



Joseph Morrison Jr grew up under the guidance of loving parents Joseph and Ethel Morrison, and the congregation of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts. At 95, he was the oldest member of the church. He was born on March 17, 1924 in Boston, Massachusetts and passed away peacefully in his home in Rockland, Massachusetts on March 9, 2020.

Known by many as "Cool Joe" and "Chief", Joe was educated at Boston Trade School then graduated from Northeastern University after fulfilling his military obligation. He served in the US Army during WWII.

In his younger years, Joe enjoyed hanging out with his friends including Malcolm Little (Malcolm X). He was great at dismantling and assembling things which later lead to running an at home television repair shop.

Electronics was his ultimate career path working at Sylvania, Raytheon, and finally retiring as one of the MBTA's first African American electrical engineers.

Joe was a mentor to a lot of people. It was his wry sense of humor, generosity, and warm personality that won them over.

He led a life of service as a dedicated member of several organizations. As a 50 year devoted member of Rising Sun Lodge No. 3, in 1980, he served as Worshipful Master; Companion of Saint Stephen's Chapter No.1 Holy Royal Arch Masons; Past Potentate of Syria Temple No. 31 Boston, Massachusetts; was voted a Life Member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts December 7, 1996; Grand Marshal Emeritus; Director of Security for the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

In 1960 Joe was Exalted Ruler, Massasoit Lodge No. 129 Elks (IBPOEW) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodbine Men's Association as well as Assistant Vice President.

Joe was predeceased by his former wives Marie Washington of Boston and Ruth Hatton of Newton, Massachusetts as well as brothers: Harold Morrison and Edward Morrison of Boston.

As an amazing father, Joe is survived by his children: Janet Morrison of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey and Malcolm Morrison of Mashpee Massachusetts. He is the loving grandfather of Layla Morrison Greene and Joseph M. Morrison of Springfield, Massachusetts. He also leaves stepchildren: Dana Hatton, Michael Hatton, and Shelly Burkurt.

He is also survived by his dear sister Ethel Morrison-Luacaw and sister-in-law Siebena Morrison, and friend Delores Stringer. Joe leaves eight great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.