



*Home Going Celebration
For*

Beauford Hagan

*Sunrise
April 10, 1920*

*Sunset
April 24, 2010*

Friday, April 30, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

Abyssinian Baptist Church

224 W. Kinney St. • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. George Mitchell, Officiating

Obituary

In our Lord's infinite love and wisdom, he called to rest our beloved **Beauford Oneal Hagan**, affectionately known as, "Soldier" and "Pop" on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

Beauford was born on April 10, 1920 in Tennile, Georgia to the late Gennie Bell and Albert Hagan. He attended the Georgia Public School system and at an early age entered into the United States Army where he served his country valiantly. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, The Gold Star, The American Defense Service Medal as well as other numerous meritorious awards. He was Honorably Discharged in September 1945.

After returning home, he did various jobs until becoming a longshoreman at Port Newark, NJ. He worked there until retirement after approximately forty-two years of service.

He joined the Abyssinian Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. C. Means where he worshipped faithfully and served on the usher board until ailing health would not permit him to continue.

Brother Hagan was also a member of the Tyre Masonic Lodge #14-AF and AM under the jurisdiction of M.W. King William Grand Lodge as well as the Royal Arch Grand Chapter #2, where he served them both diligently for over fifty years.

He was a very good-natured, fair and loving man with a generous smile and kindred spirit surpassed only by his great sense of humor. A wonderful father, who would sit back quietly, observe, ponder and then speak. Wisdom came from within him naturally. He loved good music, good food and truly lived and loved life to the fullest!!! (Amen)

He was preceded in death by his wife, the late Hattie Lee Poston, devoted companions, Marie Burden, Elizabeth Gallman Murray and Mary Jordan, a cherished sister and brother, Claudia Brown and Jack Hagan, as well as two daughters, Renee Hagan and Betty Burden, two sons, Benford Dixon and Preston Lee and one grandson, Gary Pickett.

He leaves to mourn: three loving daughters, Dolores Hardy of Sumter, SC, Janet Murray and Claudia Cooley both of Newark, NJ; one son, Andre Hagan of Macon, GA; a devoted brother, Ernest Hagan (Lula Bell Hagan) of Bridgeton, NJ; seventeen grandchildren, Kenneth, Lionel, Voltaire, Andre, Kaif, Sean, Melvin Jr., Vernon, Rashied, Aida, Wakilah, Yarkinah, Wauneka, Laila, Aiyda, Shylei and Jasmine; and a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memories of Pop-Pop

Though his smile is gone forever and his hand we cannot touch; still we have so many memories of the one we love so much. His memory is our keepsake with which we will never part; God has him in His keeping and we have him in our hearts...

Order of Service

Prelude

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Expressions of Love (two minutes please)

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Reading of the Obituary

Solo Sister Betty Pitts & Sister Gloria Kates

Eulogy Rev. George Mitchell

Recessional



Interment

New Jersey Veterans Cemetery
Arneytown, New Jersey

To My Loved Ones, When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

In Appreciation

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. A heartfelt thanks goes to the caring and concerned staff of South Mountain Healthcare in Vauxhall, NJ and Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. May God continue to bless each of you.

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