

*Home Going Service  
for*

**Sunrise**

*June 23, 1928*

**Sunset**

*May 5, 2010*

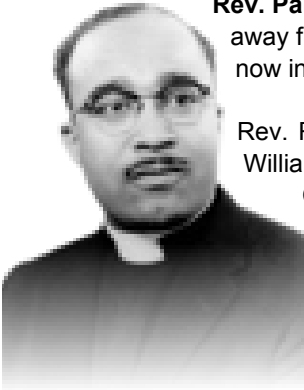
*Rev.  
Paul  
M.  
Robinson,  
Sr.*

Thursday, May 13, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

**First Presbyterian Church of Orange**  
Main Street & Scotland Rd. • Orange, New Jersey

*Pastor William Gray, Officiating*

## Obituary



**Rev. Paul Mitchell Robinson, Sr.**, of Newark, New Jersey passed away from this life to the next on Wednesday, May 5, 2010. He is now in the loving arms of Jesus, our Lord, resting in eternity.

Rev. Robinson was born on June 23, 1928 to the late Carrous William Robinson and Mehetabel Barnes in High Point, North Carolina. He attended the William Penn Elementary School and the Leonard Street High School in High Point. He graduated from the Johnson C. Smith College in 1949 and from the seminary in 1951. While in seminary he met and married the late Maggie Lee Brown. To this union were born five children.

Following his schooling, Rev. Robinson was called to the pastorate of two churches in Southampton, New York. One was the Shinnecock Presbyterian Church located on the Shinnecock Indian Reservation. The other was the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Southampton. While in Southampton he became the first African-American moderator for the Presbyterian church in his area. After faithfully serving at these churches he was called to pastor the Thirteenth Ave. Presbyterian Church in Newark, New Jersey. Following his tenure at this church he attended Kean College in Union, New Jersey where he earned elementary education credits. He taught in the Newark School system for a number of years before his retirement.

Rev. Robinson was an avid swimmer during his lifetime. He became a lifeguard at age sixteen for the local community swimming pool in High Point and later taught swimming and lifesaving classes for the Red Cross. He also had quite a sense of humor and was very family orientated. His mother taught him how to play the piano as a child. He also played the trumpet. While in Southampton he directed a local male chorus. He even played for and sang in the nursing home choir where he resided for the last four years.

He had a wonderful tenor voice and used it often while singing with a choir or with the family.

Rev. Robinson was active in the community. He marched with Martin Luther King during one of his marches. Locally he would work on the polls for many years at election time as well as assisting his wife who served as district leader for over thirty years. He will surely be missed.

He leaves to mourn: three daughters, Carolyn Gray of Staten Island, Veatrice Robinson of Newark, NJ and Twila Robinson of Newark, NJ; two sons, Paul Robinson of Lawrence, Massachusetts and Kevin Robinson of East Orange, NJ; one son-in-law, William Gray of Staten Island; two daughters-in-law, Theresa of East Orange, NJ and Carolyn Robinson of Texas; two sisters, Carolyn Etheridge and Evelyn Davis of Washington,DC; one brother, Frederick C. Robinson of Flint, Michigan; twelve grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Prelude ..... Carolyn Gray, Pianist

Invocation

Congregational Hymn ..... "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Instrumental Solo ..... "Amazing Grace"  
Mr. Ivan Robinson, Saxophonist

Remarks ..... Clergy  
Family & Friends

Tribute ..... Grandchildren

Acknowledgements of  
Cards

Reading of the Obituary

Solo ..... "Be Still My Soul"  
Pastor William Gray

Eulogy ..... Pastor William Gray

Recessional

**Interment**

Hollywood Memorial Park  
Union, New Jersey

# *To Those I Love*



To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me,  
I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."

-Author unknown

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