



*Celebrating The Life of*

*Ronald Darnel Smallwood*

*Sunrise*

January 12, 1958

*Sunset*

May 24, 2010

*Service*

Tuesday, June 1, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOMES, INC.**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd. • Paterson, New Jersey

*Elder Willie Clark, Jr., Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Ronald Darnel Smallwood** of Mt. Poconos, Pennsylvania, was born on January 12, 1958 in Paterson, NJ. The oldest child of the late Elizabeth Smallwood-Caldwell and William "Billy" Hardy. Educated in the Paterson Public School, he graduated from John F. Kennedy High School where he excelled in Track and Field. Known as "E Man", he won many 1st place trophies and ribbons.

Ronald attended The University of Virginia, Petersburg, VA, where he pledged and was inducted into the brotherhood of ALPHA PHI ALPHA Fraternity... he was an ALPHA MAN, as we often heard him sing and saw him step in earlier years.

Ronald worked briefly in the Passaic County Jail and thereafter, enlisted in the United States Army; having served a four year tour, he received an Honorable Discharge.

Ronald was a kindhearted man, with a loving soul, who deeply loved his family and he loved being around family. In spite of his disability, Ronald taught himself how to speak Spanish fluently, how to play the guitar and the organ without any training or formal tutelage. One of his favorite musical pieces that he mastered was "Nadia's Theme", commonly known to many of us as the "Theme To The Young and Restless" soap opera.

He was predeceased by his mother, Elizabeth Smallwood-Caldwell and his sister, Bernadette D. Caldwell.

He leaves to celebrate his life: his father, William Hardy; stepfather, Eugene Caldwell, Sr.; his sister and caretaker, Veronica J. Caldwell-Adams (Perry) of Mt. Poconos, PA; his brothers, Donald C. Caldwell, Brian K. Caldwell of Las Vegas, NV, Eric Caldwell of Paterson, NJ and Eugene Caldwell II (Georgette) of Jackson, NJ; aunt, Mae E. Smallwood-Benson; uncle, Joe Balmer (Beatrice); nieces, Ta'Esha Beal-Joyner (Darnell) of Bringinsville, PA, Shinelle Caldwell and Khyasia Adams; nephews, Calvin Watkins, Jr., Khyree Caldwell, Khyllil Adams, Jordan Caldwell, Khyon Adams and Jared Caldwell; and a host of cousins, other family members, friends and neighbors.

## *Order of Service*

*Processional* ..... *Family*

*Hymn* ..... *“We’ll Understand It Better By and By”*

*Reading of the Scriptures* .... *Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton*  
*Old Testament*  
*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort* ..... *Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton*

*Hymn of Consolation*..... *“Hold On To God’s  
Unchanging Hand”*

*Reflections of Life* ..... *Stephanie Ward*

*Hymn* ..... *“I’ll Fly Away”*

*Message of Comfort* ..... *Elder Willie Clark, Jr.*

*Recessional*

### **Interment**

*Fair Lawn Cemetery*  
*Fair Lawn, New Jersey*

# *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Ronald Darnel Smallwood** acknowledge with deep appreciation all expressions of kindness extended to them during their bereavement. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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