

*Celebration of Life*  
*For*



*Deacon James R. Freeman*

*Sunrise*  
*August 18, 1927*

*Sunset*  
*June 21, 2010*

**Homegoing Service**

*Sunday, June 27, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.*

**New Eden Baptist Church**

690 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Newark, New Jersey

***Rev. Dr. Bernard W. Savage, Officiating***

## Obituary

On Monday, June 21, 2010, God sent an angel for **James Roy Freeman**, whispering softly, "Come home thy good and faithful servant." He was born on August 18, 1927 in Wake County, North Carolina to the late Darnie and Sallie Freeman. One brother Otis Freeman preceded him in death.

James attended the St. Matthew's School outside the City Limits of Raleigh.

James was united in holy matrimony to Annie Rogers on November 12, 1949. After eight years of marriage in North Carolina, James Roy and Annie relocated to Orange, New Jersey. They began to build their lives together with their five children, James (Darnell), Kelvin, Garry, Vincent and LaVerne.

He was employed and later retired in 1989 from Square Deal Auto Parts as a machinist/auto parts salesman/truck driver.

He was a member of the St. Matthew Baptist Church in Wake County, North Carolina, where he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at an early age. James Roy served as a dedicated usher for many years. After relocating to New Jersey, James and Annie joined New Eden Baptist Church under the Leadership of the late Rev. John Henry Shorter. Deacon Freeman served as Chairman of The Deacon's Ministry for over forty years until his untimely departure.

Deacon Freeman was well known, loved and respected by his peers and church family. He loved New Eden and never took his responsibilities lightly. His famous quote was "***Obedience is better than sacrifice***". Anyone who knew Deacon Freeman knew that he lived by these words. He was faithful all the way to the end.

James will always be remembered for his love for baseball (particularly the **Mets**), his kind hand shake and caring for his beloved wife. He always had Annie's best interest at heart.

To cherish his loving memories are: wife, Annie Freeman; four sons, James D. Freeman (Belinda) of Raeford, NC, Kelvin L. Freeman (the late Brenda) of West Orange, NJ, Garry M. Freeman (Sylatha) of Atlanta, GA, Vincent E. Freeman (Michelle) of Union, NJ; one daughter, LaVerne Valle (Joseph) of Bridgewater, NJ; one sister, Lucille High of Passaic, NJ; one brother, Elvis Freeman (Alice) of Passaic, NJ; sixteen grandchildren, thirteen great-grand children; one god daughter, Renee Crockett of Orange, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Presiding Clergy ..... **Rev. William Rutherford**  
Greater Newpoint Baptist Church

Congregational Hymn ..... **“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”**

Scripture

Old & New Testaments ..... **Minister Andre Coley**  
New Eden Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort ..... **Rev. Jonah Nixon**  
Trinity Baptist Church

Selection ..... **Angelic Gospel Choir**  
New Eden Baptist Church

Acknowledgements ..... **Sis. Erricka Cuttino**  
New Eden Baptist Church

Resolution & Obituary ..... **Sis. Vivian Ligon**  
New Eden Baptist Church

Reflections (2 minute limit) ..... **Ministers, Deacons & Laymen**  
**From Sister Churches**

Selection ..... **John Henry Shorter Concert Choir**  
New Eden Baptist Church

Reflections ..... **Deacon Charles Carter (Chairman)**  
**The New Eden Church Family & Friends**

Musical Solo ..... **“I Know I’ve Been Changed” Rev. Alvin Darling**

Reflections ..... **Family**

Selection ..... **“Angels Will Be Singing” JHS Concert Choir**  
New Eden Baptist Church

Eulogy ..... **Rev. Dr. Bernard W. Savage**  
New Eden Baptist Church

Recessional

## Interment

*(Graveside service on Monday, June 28, 2010 - 11: 00 a.m.)*

*Rosedale Cemetery*

*Orange, New Jersey*

***\*For those who wish to attend the Graveside Service, we will be leaving  
New Eden Baptist Church at 10:30 a.m. Sharp.\****

*Repast*

*300 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, NJ*

*Orange Park Apartments Community Room.*

# Family Chain

We little knew that morning,  
God was going to call your name,  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

**Pallbearers: Grandsons & Nephews**  
**Floral Bearers: Granddaughters & Nieces**

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family sincerely thanks each and everyone for  
their expressions of sympathy and love.  
Acknowledgements to be made at a later date.*

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