

*A Celebration of Life  
of*



*Alfred C. Ross*

March 10, 1926 - September 1, 2010

Service

Wednesday, September 8, 2010 - 12:00 Noon

**PEACEFUL ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
213 Rhode Island Ave. • East Orange, NJ

*Reverend James Johnson, Officiating*

## *The Obituary*

Deacon Alfred C. Ross was born on March 10, 1926 to the late Vercie and Reuben Ross, Sr. in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. He was one of ten children. He departed this life on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 in East Orange General Hospital, East Orange, New Jersey.

He received his education at Union Hill Elementary School and Mecklenburg Training School of South Hill, Virginia. He was baptized at the age of twelve at the Union Hill RZUA Church.

On July 7, 1945, Alfred married the love of his life, Florence Edna Jones. Out of their holy matrimony they were blessed with three children, Mary, Alfred Jr. (deceased) and Alfredia.

In 1958, having relocated his family to East Orange, New Jersey, Alfred united with Peaceful Zion Baptist Church on his Christian Experience under the spiritual leadership of Rev. Joseph E. Osborne, Sr. He learned much of the commission of the deacon's manifesto tasks from the late Deacons Aaron Howard, Moses Jones and Walter Bigelow, Sr. and in the Baptist Deacons Association. He was faithful to his church and his enthusiasm for spiritual values was apparent in his actions and attitude.

Deacon Ross served at Peaceful Zion with the ministries of Trustees, Usher Board, Deacon Board, and Church Sunday School. He was Chairperson for the 50th Church Anniversary and the Revival Services. He was a very active member with the National Baptist Deacons Convention and Baptist Deacons Association whereby he served as President for four years and Treasurer for thirteen years. He was an original member of the New Jersey Deacons Convention and once served as Secretary.

Deacon Ross cherished his family; he was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. His family was his cornerstone of his happiness and pleasure. The great respect and esteem for his family was forever present in every aspect of his life and his wife and children were the recipients of an adoring and respected ceremony of love. He had a comedic sense of humor that would complete his circle of love with a smile.

Left to cherish his memory and legacy of love are: his daughters, Mary (Hebert) Carter and Alfredia (Charles) Hackley; grandchildren, Tina, Shirae, Richard, Alkia, Nadirah and Ruqaiyyah; fourteen grandchildren; two brothers, Raymond and Reuben, Jr.; one sister, Novella Melton; four sisters-in-law, Lena (Arthur) Hayes and Ruth (Mack) Goode (VA), Alease (Norman) Baskerville and Carrie Toliver of NY; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and the Peaceful Zion Church Family.

Alfred Childress Ross joins in eternity his wife, Florence; his son, Alfred, Jr., his parents, Vercie and Reuben Ross, Sr. and siblings.

# *Order of Service*

## **Music/Organist**

Johnnie Taylor

## **Processional**

Clergy and Family

## **Opening Hymn**

“Blessed Assurance”

## **Prayer of Comfort**

Deaconess Sharon Alls

## **Scripture Reading**

Old Testament

New Testament

## **Acknowledgements & Obituary**

## **Selection**

## **Eulogy**

Reverend James Johnson

## **Recessional**

## **Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey





## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

*-author unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Alfred C. Ross** would like to take this opportunity to extend their sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy shown to them during their time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep each of you in His loving Care.

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