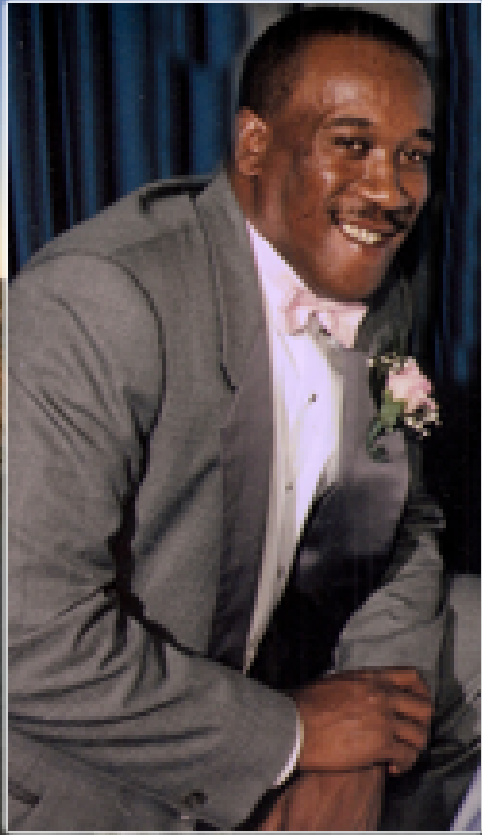


In Loving Memory of
Freddie M. Bethea

Sunrise
January 8, 1951

Sunset
September 24, 2010



Service

Thursday, September 30, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

575 East 18th Street
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Albert P. Rowe, Officiating
Enoch Smith, Organist

Reflections of Life

Freddie Bethea was born on January 8, 1951 to John Henry Bethea and Althea Page Bethea. Freddie who was a man of tremendous courage, strength and endurance, completed his earthly race on September 24, 2010 after a long and courageous battle with cancer at his home in West Orange, NJ.

Born and raised in Dillon, South Carolina until the age of nine where he attended Maple Elementary School and St. Stephens Methodist Church until he relocated with his family to Paterson, NJ in 1960. He joined Calvary Baptist where he was baptized under the Pastorate of the late Reverend Charles C. Currin. He attended school #6 and Eastside High School for three years. He then returned to South Carolina and graduated from Latta High School where he was the star of the basketball team. He attended Tombrock College in West Paterson and Seton Hall University in South Orange where he was awarded a Bachelors degree in Communications. He completed his degree in three years while working full time nights at New Jersey Bell Telephone.

Freddie was employed at New Jersey Bell (Verizon) for twenty-eight years where he held several non-management and management positions. He later worked in the Newark School system briefly before starting his own business in East Orange that he operated until his health failed.

He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War (1971-1973) and was affiliated with The St. John's F&AM Lodge (PHA) East Orange, NJ.

Freddie (Big Blue) was a communicator who brought life to any assembly of people and once he introduced himself with his booming voice he was hard to forget.

He was predeceased by his father, John Henry Bethea, brothers, Willie Albert, Russel Harry and sister-in-law, Christina Bethea.

Left to cherish his memory is: his life companion of twenty-four years, Cassandra; son, Michael Lewis of West Orange, NJ; mother and stepfather, Curtis and Althea Cooper of Gable, SC; brothers, John (Edith) of Riverdale, GA, Thomas (Gwendolyn) of Hoover, AL, Samuel (Barbara) of Ossining, NY and John Henry, Jr. of Greensboro, SC; sister, Agnes Juanita (Nicky) of Sellars, SC; grandchild, Dominique Lewis of West Orange, NJ; aunt, Annie Blake of Dillon, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

<i>Processional</i>	<i>Scriptural Passages</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	
<i>Hymn of Comfort</i>	<i>“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” 435</i>
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Ecclesiastes 3:1-8</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>John 14:1-7</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine” 508</i>
<i>Words of Comfort</i>	<i>Deacon Thomas Crawford Jr.</i>
<i>Acknowledgements & Resolutions</i>	<i>Blondell Burin</i>
<i>Obituary</i>	<i>Blondell Burin</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>Nearer, My God, to Thee 163</i>
<i>Eulogy</i>	<i>“The Journey of Life” Rev. Dr. Albert P. Rowe</i>
<i>Closing Selection</i>	<i>“T’ll Fly Away” 601</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	<i>Scriptural Passages</i>

Interment

*Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey*

No More Tears

*No more tears, no need to cry,
I'm in a place that God has prepared for me
I have a smile that I've been longing for,
No more tears, please, I say no more.
For the Lord has called me
My job here is done;
I ran the race, that I've had to run
No more sickness, grief, or pain I'll hear
For I have fixed it with the Lord.
So please don't cry no sad tears,
But rejoice for my soul is saved.
No more tears, for my soul is resting
Upon God's graceful Throne.
O'Bless the Lord, He has finally called me home.
So if you want to see me again,
There's only one way in, surely I say unto you,
You must be born again.*

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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