

*Home Going Services for*

# *Nolan William Robinson*

**Sunrise**  
July 29, 1930

**Sunset**  
October 27, 2010

*Service*

*Saturday, October 30, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.*

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

256 Rosa Parks Blvd. • Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Phyllis C. Crichlow, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Nolan W. Robinson** was born in Cleveland, Ohio on July 29, 1930 to the late Nolan Sr. and Clementine Gabriel Robinson. Nolan, the second youngest of six children, attended high school in Cleveland and later studied mechanics at Paterson Technical High School.

He married Lillian Moses in November of 1966, they resided on Fulton Place with his son, Henry, who predeceased him in 1997, and his step-daughter, Jacqueline.

Nolan, a master carpenter and skilled plumber, was a certified Stationary Engineer. He worked for many years for the Passaic County Sheriff's office but most of his work was as an independent general contractor. Nolan loved to use his hands, he spent a lot of his time making and refurbishing furniture and building boilers. When he wasn't working, he listened to jazz. Some of his favorite musicians were John Coltrane and Miles Davis. He also loved sports. He was an avid Giants and Yankees fan. During his final hours in the hospital, he asked his daughter, Jacqueline what was the score of the World Series. When he heard the answer, he just shook his head. He followed those teams through their wins and their defeats. He never gave up on them even when the chips were down.

He always advised and encouraged his children and grandchildren to strive for higher education. He believed in free enterprise and knew that education was the way to success. Being a man of excellence Nolan went on to become an entrepreneur and real estate owner, buying and converting houses in the 4th Ward of Paterson. Nolan remained actively involved all of his life, only retiring recently after a brief illness.

Nolan grew up in the Catholic Church but he later embraced other Christian denominations becoming a prominent humanitarian. He always gave to public radio and television understanding that free speech and expression are our valued assets. He supported foster children in India and Africa, sending them yearly supplies of food and clothing. Nolan was a loving and caring Father and Grandfather who always made himself available to help his family, his extended family and his friends under any and all circumstances. He was a family man who truly loved his children and grandchildren unselfishly and could be depended upon to do anything within his power to help them.

Nolan was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Robinson, one sister, Doris Robinson, three brothers, Joseph, Henry and Stanley Robinson and a step-son, Vincent Kitchens.

Nolan lovingly and affectionately called "Pete" by friends, and "Pops" by his grandchildren, journeyed home to his final resting place on Wednesday morning, October 27, 2010 after a brief stay at the Hackensack Medical Center in Hackensack, NJ.

He leaves to cherish loving memories: beloved wife, Lillian (Moses) Robinson; two grandchildren, Kareem Thompson of Virginia and Natai Robinson of Florida; one brother, Norman Robinson of Jonesboro, Georgia; two step-daughters, Jacqueline L. Bell of Paterson and Yolanda Kitchens; sister-in-law, Lulu Robinson; and a host of nieces, nephews, a devoted friend, other family members and friends. He is truly loved and will be sorely missed by all.

# *Order of Service*

*“The joys we've shared together, are the memories we'll hold dear”*

Prelude

Processional

Selection ..... Ashley Motley

Scripture Readings

Old Testament/New Testament ..... Deacon Milton A. Moses  
Madison Avenue Christian Reformed Church

Prayer of Consolation

Reflections of Life ..... Curtis Robinson

Acknowledgements ..... Lulu Robinson

Selection ..... Ashley Motley

Words of Comfort ..... Rev. Phyllis C. Crichlow

Recessional



**Interment**  
*Calvary Cemetery*  
*Paterson, New Jersey*

*Family will receive friends at  
189 Fulton Place, Paterson, NJ following interment.*

# *Serenity Prayer*

*GOD, grant me the Serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can, and the  
Wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it. Trusting that  
He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and  
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.  
Amen*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Nolan Robinson** 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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