

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude .....Organist

Hymn of Consolation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection

Remarks

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

### Interment

Bayview Cemetery  
Jersey City, New Jersey

(please turn on headlights and hazards for cemetery procession.)

### Repast

Colonnade/ Jersey City Diner  
Route 440 Jersey City, NJ

### Pall Bearers

Family Members

### Flower Attendants

Family Friends



## *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, love,  
o work or play.  
I found that peace  
at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy,  
A friendship shared , a laugh, a kiss;  
Ah 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 seemed all too brief;  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lit up your hearts and share with me  
God wanted me now.  
**HE SET ME FREE!**

### With Gratitude and Appreciation

Mere words cannot express our gratitude for your many acts of kindness. Your prayers, presence here today and words of consolation will sustain us throughout this time of bereavement.

May God bless you all.  
The Perkins Family

Our loved one was entrusted into the care of:

*jackson funeral residence*



384 Communipaw Avenue  
Jersey City, New Jersey  
Audrey E. Jackson, Owner / Director  
Rosalyn A. Burns Browne, Manager / Director

## *A Homegoing Celebration For Our Beloved*

# *William J. Perkins*

**Sunrise**  
July 24, 1935

**Sunset**  
November 9, 2010

Saturday, November 13, 2010 - 8:30 a.m.

*Mt. Olive Baptist Church*

400 Arlington Avenue • Jersey City, NJ

*Reverend John H. McReynolds, Pastor*

# Obituary

On July 24, 1935, **William J. Perkins** was born in Perry, Georgia to the parents of Henry Perkins Sr., Alice Lee Perkins and Johnnie Mae Perkins. His family relocated to Jersey City, NJ where he attended the public schools of Jersey City and graduated from Dickerson High School.

William served in United States National Guard of NJ from 1954 to 1957, when he was given an Honorable Discharge.

During his life time he was employed at American Can Co., and Dixon Pencil Co. for twenty years. During his employment at Dixon Pencil, he began to develop his entrepreneurial skills.

As an entrepreneur, William opened his first business in Hoboken, NJ. From there he relocated his business to Jersey City in the Greenville area. William along with his brother, Sam, opened up "Perks' Tavern". With this successful venture under his belt, William opened his first solely owned business - "Candlelite Lounge" on Ocean Avenue. The "Candlelite Lounge" has been owned and operated by William for over twenty-eight years and is still open for business today. William was a true "self made" man.

In March 2006, William was honored by the Martin Luther King Parade Scholarship Committee as the Grand Marshal of the Martin Luther King parade in Jersey City. He was one of the founders of the Black Tavern Softball League in the early 60's and 70's. In addition, William and the "Candlelite Lounge," were proud sponsors of the Greenville-Westside Babe Ruth Baseball League for numerous years.

William J. Perkins was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Perkins, Sr., Alice Lee Perkins and Johnnie Mae Perkins; a sister, Dallas Mae Everett Jones; a brother, Samuel L. Perkins; and his beloved mother-in-law, Clara Miller.

Surviving to cherish his wonderful memories are: his loving and devoted wife of fifty-one years, Bernice Perkins of Jersey City, NJ; four children, Henri Toran, LeVar Graves (Bianca), Raeshia Jeter and Tiffany Watson and three grand children; endearing brothers, Benny Perkins (Brenda), McDonald Perkins, Jerome Perkins (Susan), Henry Perkins, Jr. all of Jersey City, NJ; loving sisters, Delores White and Sandra Perkins of Jersey City, NJ and Lorraine Chaloupka (Michael) of Woodbridge, VA. William is also survived by a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and life-long friends.

William will be missed for his generosity, wisdom, great personality, debonair style and class. He will be remembered and missed the most for his love of God, and devotion to his family and friends.

