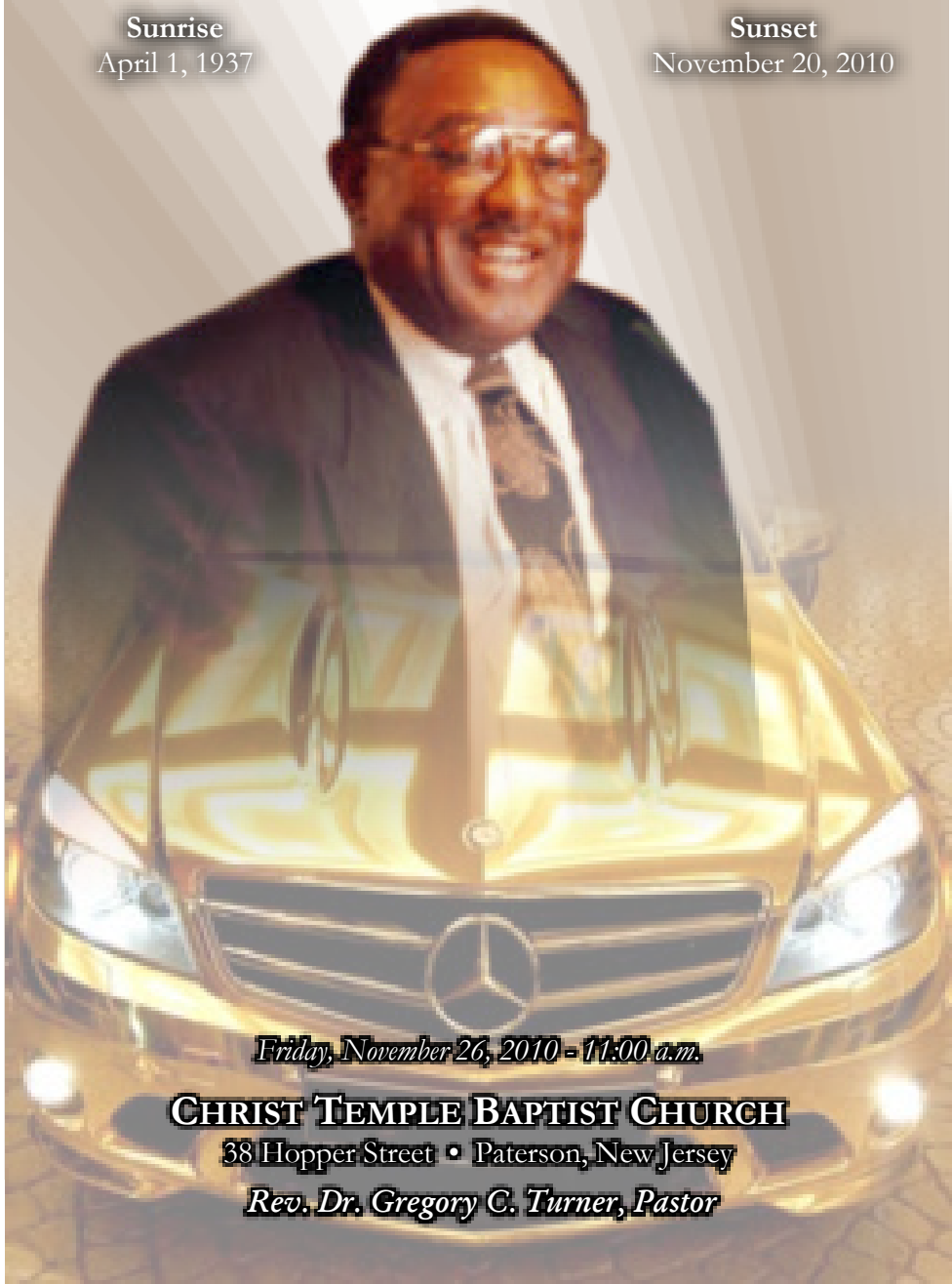


*In Loving Memory of*  
**Thomas Durant**

Sunrise  
April 1, 1937

Sunset  
November 20, 2010



*Friday, November 26, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.*

**CHRIST TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

38 Hopper Street • Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Turner, Pastor*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Thomas Durant** was born on April 1, 1937 in Pinewood, South Carolina to the late Wash and Sarah (Canty) Durant.

Tom attended Manchester High in Pinewood. At an early age, he was baptized and became a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Pinewood.

He worked for Carolina Freight as a truck driver, later retiring from ABF Freight in Pine Brook, NJ.

He was friendly and well liked, loved to laugh and never made himself a stranger. Tom loved to sit in his backyard with his buddies and talk about down home southern food. He was always in search of his relatives, keeping track of all who died.

His close friends will surely miss him: June and Jean Blowe of Prince George, VA, Zens and Shirley Legette of Paterson, NJ, David and Shirley Singletary of Wayne, NJ, Rick Ellerbe of Paterson, NJ, Roma and Jean Singletary of Wayne, NJ and Lou Sims of Paterson, NJ.

He enjoyed attending service at Christ Church United Methodist, Paterson, NJ, where Rev. Betty Horne is the pastor.

He was predeceased by his son, Wayne Barry Durant and Rosalind McCaskill, sisters, Ruth Logan, Lillie Durant, Mary Logan, Valliree Durant and Minnie Paschall as well as brothers, Ernest and Leslie Durant.

On Saturday, November 20, 2010, in McLeod Regional Medical Center, God called Mr. Thomas Durant from labor to reward.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Valera (McIntyre) Durant of fifty-one years; son, Kenneth Durant of Paterson; daughter, Robin (Jackson) Harris of Hillside, NJ; two grandchildren, Ashley Harris of Hillside, NJ and Otischa McCaskill of East Orange, NJ; sister, Camilla Holland of Brooklyn, NY; sister-in-law, Dorothea Durant of Sumter, SC; brothers-in-law, James Alston of Capital Heights, MD and Elmore Paschall of the Bronx, NY; two godchildren, Tamika Boykin and Anthony Campbell; and a host of other relatives and friends who will sadly miss him.

Remember him as a person who loved to laugh, wear fine clothes (tailor made suits) and drive expensive cars.

# Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Praise ..... "There's Not a Friend" (No Not One)

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks .....Rev. Betty Horne

Christ United Methodist Church • Paterson, NJ

Cedric McCoy - Beulah Grove Baptist Church • Newark, NJ

Mrs. Yvonne Richardson

Mr. Mark Barbee

Member of Christ Church United Methodist

Reading of Obituary ..... (soft music)

silent

Acknowledgments ..... Ms. Tamikah Boykin

Solo

Word of Life Proclaimed ..... Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Turner

Solo

Recessional

## **Interment**

Cedar Lawn Cemetery

Paterson, New Jersey

# You Wonder Why I Went Away

*You wonder why I went away and didn't say goodbye  
My ship came in a morning time and beautiful to see;  
For the Captain was King Jesus and He softly beckoned me.  
He gently took me in His arms and rest is now complete*

*~ Lovingly Submitted by, The Family*

## Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

## Pallbearers

Family & Friends

## *Acknowledgements*

*The Durant family is deeply appreciative to everyone for all the kind acts and special service rendered during their bereavement.*

Special Thanks to the Staff at McLeod Hospital in Florence, SC  
and the Staff at Bragg Funeral Home.

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