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*Commemorating the Life of*  
**Troy Lee Williamson**



**Sunrise**  
*January 12, 1929*

**Sunset**  
*January 3, 2011*

*Friday, January 14, 2011*  
*Time: 11:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ 07112

*Minister Gavin Taylor, Officiating*  
*Walt Sorey, Organist*

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# Obituary

On January 3, 2011 at 1:15 a.m., God called **Troy Lee Williamson** home to be with the Lord. Troy was born on January 12, 1929 to the late Mossette Lee Williamson, Sr. and the late Hattie Bell Long-Williamson.

Having grown up in a small conservative community where farming was the family choice, Troy was the third child to the Williamson clan. During his youth, Troy was baptized and joined the Andrews Chapel Church in the Rowan Community of Clinton, North Carolina. He attended Rowan Elementary and Sampson High School in Clinton, North Carolina.

After high school, Troy enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and served over seas where he earned an honorable discharge. Upon his release from the U.S. Military, he moved to Newark, New Jersey and married Martha Robinson. From that union six children were born. During that time he implemented a construction business and worked there until his retirement.

His civic affiliations included: The Masonic Organization and the American Legion.

Troy was a dedicated son, brother, husband and father. He loved his family and friends dearly and he was always there to give a helping hand. He was proud and respected by all who knew him. His children thought, Daddy could do anything. They believed, appreciated and loved him so very much. They thought he could do the impossible and he would try. He had a unique way of bringing friends and family together. We will miss his gentle spirit and remember his guidance.

**John 14:1 and Jesus said, - "Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God also believe in me."**

He leaves to cherish his fond memories: five children, Jacqueline Williamson-Norman (William), Maria W. Moore-Burr (Melvin), Troy W. Williamson, Jr. (Ethel), Carolyn D. Williamson and Beverly Williamson-Betha (John) deceased. Troy was blessed with thirteen grandchildren, Nakinyah Smith (Dana), Jacquetta Cunningham, Tanneshia Reynolds (Brandon), Lellan Moore, Quinzell Williamson, Anthony Williamson, Jr., Calib Thomas, Shakirah Williamson, Quameer Williamson, Yakeemah Williamson, Quadirah Williamson, Quanajah Williamson, Quamisha Williamson and eleven great grandchildren. He also leaves to cherish his loving memories: siblings, Irene W. Carraway, Rev. Dr. Alfonzo H. Williamson, Sr. (Geraldine), Sally W. Gomez (Donald), Sarah W. Davis (Ulysses), Hattie W. Davis and Carl L. Williamson, Sr. (Lillian); brother-in-law, John H. Gibson; as well as Martha McDaniel and many nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Troy was preceded in death by: his son, Anthony Ricardo Williamson; his parents, Mossette Lee Williamson, Sr. and Hattie Bell Long-Williamson; two brothers, Caesar Williamson and Mossette Lee Williamson, Jr. and one sister, Naomi Gertrude Williamson-Gibson.

He will be greatly missed by all.

# Order of Service

Prelude ..... Minister Gavin Taylor  
Hymn ..... “Amazing Grace” - John Newton  
Congregation

## Liturgy of Words

Prayer ..... Minister Gavin Taylor  
Scripture Reading  
Old Testament - Psalm 23 ..... Rhonda E. Wilson  
New Testament - II Corinthians 5:1 & 6-10 ..... Rhonda E. Wilson

## Reflections

Message from the Children of  
Troy Lee Williamson ..... Beverly W. Bethea  
Message from the Williamson Family ..... Angela S. Davis  
Message from the Robinson Family ..... Family Member  
Obituary Reading ..... Rhonda E. Wilson  
Sermon ..... Minister Gavin Taylor  
Solo ..... “His Eye Is On The Sparrow” - Michael Watford  
Prayer ..... “The Lord’s Prayer” - Minister Gavin Taylor  
Acknowledgements ..... Phyllis Chilsum  
Commendations Honoring Services of  
Troy ..... United States Salutes - Army Honor Guards  
Closing Hymn ..... “When We All Get To Heaven”  
(Congregation)  
Recessional ..... Minister Gavin Taylor

### Interment

Clinton Cemetery  
Irvington, New Jersey

*Friends are invited to join the family for the repast at  
63 16th Ave., Newark, NJ.*

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“Message  
From  
The  
Family”



God took the strength of mountains

The majesty of trees

Warmth of summer sun

Calm of quiet seas

The generous soul of nature

And comforting arms of night

His wisdom of the ages

And power of eagle's flight

The joy of morning spring

And faith of a mustard seed

Patience of eternity

Depth of family's need

Combined with all these qualities

There's nothing more to add

God's masterpiece was finished

And so he called it DAD.

**Pall Bearers**

*Family and Friends*

- Carl L. Williamson, Jr.
- Edwin S. Davis
- Calvin Larkins
- Troy W. Williamson, Jr.
- Alameen Robinson
- Jeffrey Williamson

**Acknowledgement**

The Williamson family extends thanks to The Saint Clouds Nursing Facility for their care and kindness. Thanks to friends and family for their love, prayers, and comfort you bestowed us. Please remember us in your prayers that we may be strong and forever honor our loved one, **TROY**.

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