

*Celebration of the Life*  
*for*

*Sunrise*

September 8, 1922

*Sunset*

February 15, 2011

*William Grant Anderson, Sr.*

**Masonic Service**

Sunday, February 20, 2011- 7:00 p.m.

**Funeral Service**

8:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**

929 Dill Avenue • Linden, New Jersey 07036

Rev. Derrick R. Dumas, Officiating

## *Life Reflections*

**William Grant Anderson, Sr.** was born on September 8, 1922 to the Late Randolph and Lucinda Anderson in Savannah, Georgia.

He moved to Bayonne, New Jersey at an early age and joined the Friendship Baptist Church. He graduated from Bayonne Technical High School where he played basketball and ran track. He was given the name “Flash.”

He married his High School sweetheart, Janie Cawthon. In this union, three sons were born: William Jr. (Patsy), Gary (Rosalind) and Mark Anderson (Yvette). He has eight grandchildren, Matthew (Amber), Maria, Melody, Christina, Douglass, Courtney, Diamond and Eugene; and twin great-grandchildren; Jacob and Joseph with another one on the way.

“Bill,” was known by his friends, had served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II as a Technical Sergeant. He was honorably discharged.

Bill worked for the US Department of Defense in Springfield, New Jersey for 37 years.

Bill joined the First Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor G. George Abernathy. He was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church serving as the President of the Men’s Club for many years. He was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader for many years in the City of Linden. He also served as the Environmental Commissioner for the City of Linden.

Bill was an Amateur Radio Operator for years.

He was also a NAACP Lifetime Member.

One of Bill’s greatest passions was his Masonic affiliations. He was WM Acacia Lodge #23 F&AM PHA Roselle, NJ, Sardonias Consistory #41, Newark, NJ, Golconda Temple #24, and Rising Sun Chapter #7. He served as the District Deputy Grand Master in the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. In June 2000, he was made DDGM Emeritus.

Bill loved his wife, Janie for sixty-three years and was always glad to tell everyone that he had three great sons who never gave him any problems.

On February 15, 2011 **William Grant Anderson, Sr.** was called home from labor to get his reward.

*Servant of God, well done!  
Rest from thy loved employ.  
The battle fought, the victory won.  
Enter the Master’s joy.*

# Order of Service

*Rev. Derrick R. Dumas, Officiating*  
*Tony Harris, Organist*

## **Hymn**

**Old Testament**  
**New Testament**  
Evangelist Terri Johnson

## **Prayer of Comfort**

**Solo**  
*"I Won't Complain" by Bishop Tony McNeill*

## **Acknowledge of Cards and Condolences**

## **Obituary Read Silently**

**Remarks**  
*Pastor Alfred Brown*  
*First Baptist Church • Cranford, New Jersey*  
  
*Bishop Wayne L. Johnson*  
*Bibleway Deliverance Center • Roselle, New Jersey*  
  
*Pastor Jeffery Johnson*  
*Praise Temple Church • Linden, New Jersey*

## **Closing Prayer**

*Rev. Derrick R. Dumas, Senior Pastor*  
*First Baptist Church • Linden, New Jersey*

### **Interment**

Rosedale Memorial Park  
Linden, New Jersey  
(Private)

~ *Repast in the Church Banquet Hall immediately following Tonight Services* ~

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*"Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service"*

## Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of **William Grant Anderson, Sr.**

# *Crossing The Bar*

*Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me,  
And may there be no moaning  
Of the bar, when I put out to sea.  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the  
Boundless deep turns again home.  
Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark:  
For tho' from out bourne of time and place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **William Grant Anderson, Sr.** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. Special thanks to: Rev. Jeffery & Evangelist Terry Johnson; Bertha Boateng and Bishop Tony McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar and the Praise Temple Church Family; and Rev. Derrick R. Dumas of First Baptist Church, Linden, New Jersey. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.*