

A portrait of Johnnie B. Hurte, a Black man with a mustache and glasses, wearing a dark suit and white shirt. He is resting his chin on his hand. The background is a soft, out-of-focus cityscape.

Homegoing Service  
for

Johnnie B. Hurte

*Sunset: March 18, 2011*

Friday, March 25, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

377 Clinton Ave. • Newark, NJ

*Rev. Robert N. Burkins, Sr. Pastor*

*Rev. Henry Cade, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Johnnie B. Hurte** was born in Crewe (Burkeville), Virginia to the parents of the late Patrick and Mary Jones Hurt.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized at an early age at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Burkeville, Virginia.

Johnnie attended public school in Burkeville, Virginia, after he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Upon completion of his duties he received a Honorable Discharge, and relocated to New Jersey where he held several jobs.

He was later hired by Transport of New Jersey now New Jersey Transit and retired after twenty-five years of service as a bus driver and train operator.

Those who knew Johnnie knew of his love for his family and friends. In the early 1960 he joined Central Presbyterian Church, now Elmwood Central where he was an active member and served as an Elder, Trustee, Treasurer for the Central Presbyterian Men's Group, and Usher Board, he also sang in the Gospel Choir.

Johnnie also had a love for sports, fishing and playing softball, but most of all playing pool. One of the first things he did when he retired was buy him a pool table and set up a game room in his garage. You would hear him out there just about every day, the pool balls clicking and clacking and the laughter with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his three brothers and one sister.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife, Beatrice R. Hurte; step-daughter, Beatrice Y. Payne (Councilman Donald M. Payne, Jr.); step-son, Ronald Williams (Michele); three grandchildren, (triplets), Donald, III, Jack and Yvonne Payne; four sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Powell, Lucy Ward (James) of St. Petersburg, Florida, Geneva Stephenson (Oliver) of Tampa, Florida and Cleo Pringle of Franklin Park, New Jersey; three brothers-in-law, Rev. Frank Williams (Betty), David Williams (Debra) of Tampa, Florida and James Martin (Helen) of Newark, New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

- Prelude ..... “Amazing Grace” (Instrumental)
- Congregational Hymn ..... “Oh How I Love Jesus”
- Scripture Reading  
Old Testament ..... Elder Freddie Anderson  
New Testament - John 14:1-3 ..... Jack D. Payne
- Prayer of Comfort ..... Elder Freddie Anderson
- Selection ..... “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”  
Ms. Anna King
- Reflections ..... Fred Wright - (NJ Transit)  
Kimberly Peterson, Richmond, Virginia  
Elder Julian Muldrow - (Elmwood Central Board of Session)  
Donald M. Payne, Jr. - (Newark City Council President)
- Acknowledgements, Cards & Condolences .... Terry Pringle-Khalif
- Selection ..... Gospel Choir
- Obituary (Read Silently) ..... “Standing on the Promises of God”  
Instrumental
- Selection ..... “In Times Like These”  
Ms. Stella Clark
- Eulogy ..... Rev. Henry Cade
- Recessional ..... “Farther Along”

## **Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

*Please join the family at the Masonic Temple  
188 Irvine Turner Boulevard • Newark, NJ  
for repast, immediately following the interment*

## *Acknowledgement*

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or stopped by and sat quietly in a chair.*

*Perhaps you sent a home going spray,  
And if so we saw it there.*

*Perhaps you spoke the kindest words or  
Joined with us in prayer.*

*Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.*

*Whatever it was you did to console our hearts,  
We Thank You so much, Whatever the part.*

*~The Hurte Family*



### **Pall Bearers**

*Elders and Presbyterian Men*

### **Flower Attendants**

*Ushers and Deaconesses*

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