A portrait of an elderly African American man with a shaved head, wearing a dark, short-sleeved, button-down shirt with a small white grid pattern. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background of the portrait is a faded American flag.

*Homegoing Service*  
*Celebrating the Life of*  
***Roland Lynwood Pleasant***

*Sunrise*

October 11, 1921

*Sunset*

July 4, 2011

**Service**

Saturday, July 9, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

**St. Matthew Baptist Church**

159 East 9th Avenue  
Roselle, New Jersey

**Rev. David Ford, Sr., Pastor**

## *Life Reflections*

**Roland Lynwood Pleasant** was born October 11, 1921 in Richmond, Virginia to Lynwood and Mary Pleasant. He was the oldest of eight children. He spent the first five years of his life in Richmond Virginia until moving to Buffalo, New York with his family. He then relocated to Jersey City, where he graduated from Lincoln High School with honors. Roland relocated to Linden, New Jersey where he lived until his death.

After graduating high school, Roland gained employment at the U.S. Postal Service. At the age of 22 Roland was drafted into the United States Army where he remained for three years (1943-1946), leaving as a World War II Army Veteran. In 1948, he joined the United States National Guard where he remained active until 1981 when he retired as a Chief Warrant Officer (CW4).

Roland married Lorraine Smith and helped raise his stepson, Ronnie from a young age. Later in life, he met and married Willa (Billie) Pleasant and to this union a son was born, Kenneth Pleasant. Roland raised Kenneth and his new step-son, Darrell Terry teaching them the meaning of hard work, commitment and dedication to family.

Roland was known to his family as a provider. At the age of 11, Roland's world suddenly changed. The sudden death of his father forced him to take on the responsibility as the man of the house, providing financial and mental support to his family. Roland worked several jobs to help his mother maintain the household. This was all done while Roland still attended school. His commitment to his family was astonishing. He witnessed many struggles that his mother endured, and always vowed to stick by her no matter what. He honored that vow until his mother's death in August of 1953. His siblings respected him as a father and included him in many of their major life decisions as adults. To many people Roland had only one child but he was responsible for the upbringing of his siblings and his two stepsons. As an adult, Roland continued offering support to his siblings and their families if they were in need. He was dedicated to family. Roland was given Favor by God in all areas of his life because of his diligence towards caring for others.

Roland was well known for being FRUGILE and saving a penny!

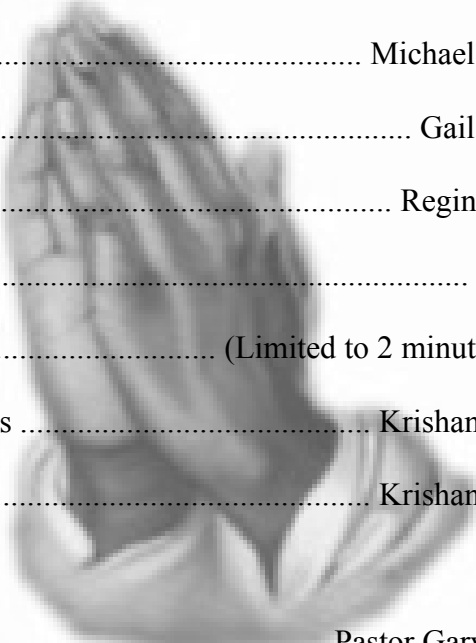
Roland Pleasant will be remembered by his lengthy stories, honorable work ethic and weekly trips to Atlantic City. But most of all his commitment to FAMILY!

He was predeceased by his parents, Lynwood and Mary Pleasant his ex-wife, Lorraine Smith, stepson, Darrell Terry, his brother, Herman Pleasant and sisters, Alma Rhodes, Hazel Carter and Lois Duncan.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his former wife, Willa (Billie) Pleasant); his son, Kenneth Pleasant and his stepson, Ronnie Pleasant; three brothers, Melvin (Barbara), Scotch Plains, NJ, Rudy (Elvira), Piscataway, NJ and Joseph Pleasant, Woodbury, NJ.

# Order Of Service

Musical Prelude ..... Frances Thompson  
Old Testament ..... Michael Matthews  
New Testament ..... Gail Matthews  
Prayer of Comfort ..... Regina Sconiers  
Solo ..... Julie Epps  
Remarks ..... (Limited to 2 minutes, please)  
Acknowledgements ..... Krishana Pleasant  
Obituary Reading ..... Krishana Pleasant  
Selection  
Eulogy ..... Pastor Gary Pleasant  
City Church • Cleveland, Ohio



**Interment**  
Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey



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**Pall Bearers**  
**Family and Friends of Roland Pleasant**



***Roland and His Beloved Mother, Mary Reunited***



***Acknowledgement***

The family of **Roland Pleasant** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.