



In Loving Memory of

Benjamin "Bobby" Barnes

Sunrise  
*June 5, 1939*

Sunset  
*November 24, 2011*

Friday, December 2, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

## *Obituary*

**Benjamin “Bobby” Barnes** born on June 5, 1939 in Wilson, North Carolina, Benjamin Barnes attended school in the Wilson County School system. Bobby resided in Newark until his sudden and untimely death on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2011.

Bobby, as he was lovingly called (his siblings called him "Chone"), moved to Newark, New Jersey and worked as a laborer in Newark's industrial area for many years. Bobby was married to the former Louise Ratliff Barnes and to that union, five children were born.

He attended church at the Elizabeth Deliverance Tabernacle Church in Elizabeth, NJ. Like his brothers and sisters, he was raised to love the Lord and made sure that his children would know about the Lord, too. That, he accomplished by asking his sister Pearlie to assist with raising his children in North Carolina. Bobby has always expressed appreciation to Pearlie for sharing the gift of love by raising his children.

Bobby enjoyed walking and volunteering at the Light House. During these activities, he would always take time to make friends along the way. He was friendly and had no problems conversing with strangers and friends alike. Almost everyone he would meet, he would give them a nickname, which was usually “Punjo”. Or, if you were law enforcement, he would call you “Wild Bill.” He never complained, and enjoyed helping anyone whenever needed. Bobby always had a way to keep people laughing.

Most of all, Bobby enjoyed spending time with his sisters and brothers. Every year he looked forward to visiting Wilson, North Carolina to see his family. In Newark, Bobby spent lots of time with his sister, Bertha, and would babysit his great niece and nephew while she shopped in various stores.

Bobby was a great collector and he enjoyed collecting various items, especially newspapers. He also enjoyed cars and homes. More than anything, Bobby loved eating chocolate cake, chicken pastry and rice with gravy!

Bobby was preceded in death by: his wife, Louise, his sons, Brad and Larry, a daughter, Cynthia, a sister, Esther Marie Farmer and a brother, James. Cherishing his memory forever are: his brothers, Cecil L. Barnes (Elizabeth) of Wilson, NC and David Williams (Eula) of Newark, NJ; his sisters, Pearlie Mae Corbett of Wilson, NC, Cleatrice Johnson (Herman) of Richmond, VA, and Bertha Sue Newton (Louis) of Newark, NJ; as well as his daughter, Mary Ann, Terence (Kim), and Karim, his grand children, Zykeeya, Timothy, Karim Jr., Khalil, Khalif, Tiera, Jamaal, Natarah, Asia Kimanie, three great-grandchildren, Al-jaquae, Zhanier, and Imani; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends who loved and appreciated him deeply.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Old Testament Scripture ..... Psalms 23:1-6  
Evangelist Geraldine Battle

New Testament Scripture ..... Revelations 21:1-4  
Jennifer Diane Johnson

Prayer of Comfort ..... Elder David Williams

Selection ..... Zykeeyah Barnes

*Expressions (two minute limit)*

Acknowledgements & Obituary ..... Stacie J. Newton

Selection ..... Donovan Jackson

Eulogy..... Pastor Ethel M. Jackson  
Elizabeth Deliverance Tabernacle Church • Elizabeth, NJ

Final Viewing

Recessional

## **Interment**

Rosemount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

# Psalm 23

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



## Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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