

## Reflections of Life

**Elder Richard William Thompson** was born July 27, 1941 in Lumberton, NC to Elijah and Elizabeth Thompson.

Elder Thompson was educated in Roberson County School system. He worked for Key Stone for many years until the company went out of business and then he worked for Laidlaw Transit until he retired six years ago.

Elder Richard Thompson married Sis. Beverly Perry in 2001.

Elder Thompson was preceded in death by his father and mother, Elijah and Elizabeth Thompson and two brothers, Robert and Elijah.

On Thursday, December 8, 2011, Elder Thompson closed his eyes and took God by the hands and went home.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Beverly Thompson of Paterson; two daughters, Grace Clark of Morrow, GA and Semah Thompson of Paterson; two sons, Barry and Torry Thompson also of Paterson; two step daughters, Shuronda and her husband, Jose and Ebony and her husband, J.C.; step son, Okiema of VA; sister, Elisa Thompson; four Godchildren; one brother, James Thompson and wife, Carol of VA; twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild; two special friends, Darryl and LaToya of Paterson, Elder Thompson loved his church and his Bishop Gregory Capers; his Pastor Bobby Moore.

If you needed to find Elder Thompson come to church, if it was time for prayer, Bible Study you would find Elder Thompson there, if you needed anything done you could call on Elder Thompson we will miss him.

# Order of Service

#### Invocation

Selection Latoya Smith
Holy Scriptures Old Testament - Psalm 23
Prayer of (Comfort) Consolation Bishop Hose Figueroa
Selection
Remarks
Reading of the Celebration of Life Alicia Seaborne
Acknowledgements & Resolution
Selection
Message of Comfort Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bobby Moore
Recessional



Interment
St. Peter's Cemetery
Garfield, New Jersey



### I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered jov. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

#### Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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