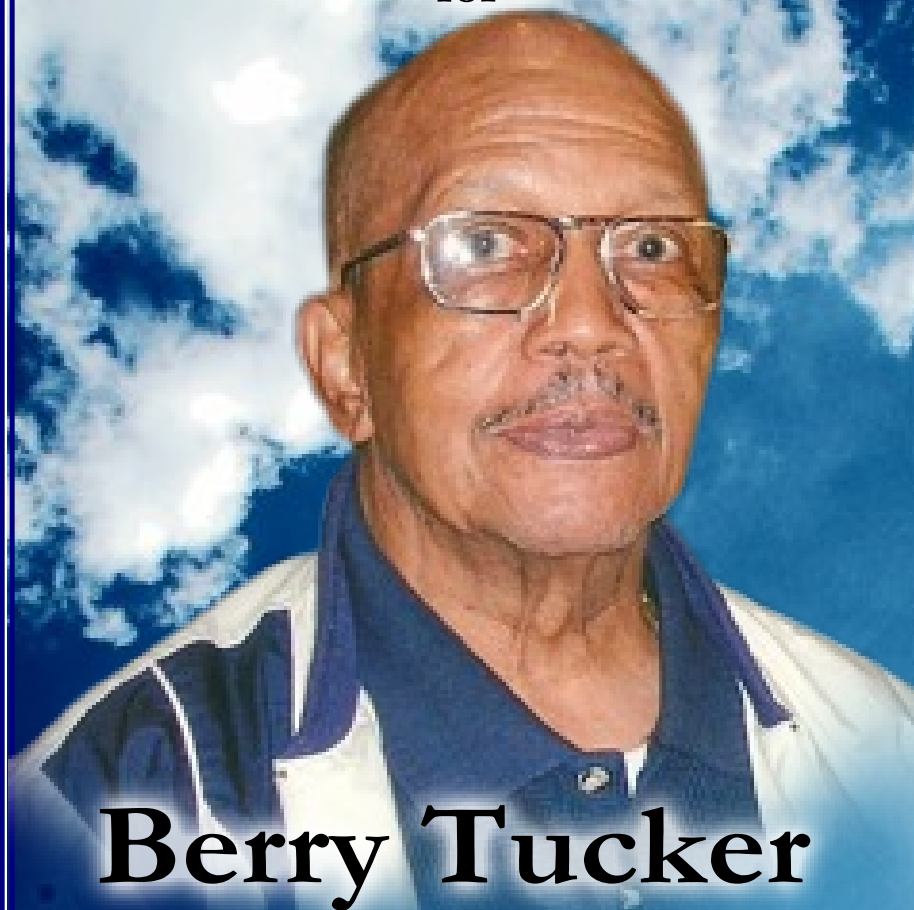


Homegoing Celebration
for



Berry Tucker

Sunrise

August 8, 1930

Sunset

December 14, 2011

Tuesday, December 19, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

METROPOLITAN A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

597 Bergen Avenue • Jersey City, New Jersey

Rev. Nathaniel B. Legay, Officiating

Obituary

On Wednesday evening December 14, 2011, God said to His Angel, "Go down to Earth and bring my son, **Berry Tucker** to me." "He has borne his burden in the heat of the day and labored long in my vineyard."

Berry who was affectionately known as "Bee" was born on August 8, 1930 in Carlisle, South Carolina. He was the ninth child of the late Tom A. Tucker and Essie Thompson Tucker. At a very young age, he joined St. Luke A.M.E. Church in Carlisle, South Carolina.

Bee attended Hamilton Grammar School in Carlisle, South Carolina and Simms High School in Union, South Carolina. Berry "Bee" met Audrey "Mae" Belle in Jersey City, New Jersey. They fell in love and married on the twenty-first day of June in 1957. Bee was with Mae until her death in 2005.

Berry was a faithful member of Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church for more than twenty-five years. He served on the Steward Board. Berry loved his church and continued to work actively until his health began to fail earlier this year.

Berry will always be remembered as a loving husband, brother, Uncle Bee, cousin, in-law, friend and neighbor. We will always love and remember him for his thoughtfulness, determination, drive, wisdom, and words of advice. Even with all our love, God loves him best.

Berry was preceded in death by three brothers, Julian, Theodore, and Tom Tucker and four sisters, Viola Hodges, Rubye Tucker-Kemp, Mable Hardy-Brown and Mattie Gregory. He leaves to mourn his passing: two sisters whom he adored, Mary Louise Harris of Phoenix, Arizona and Essie M. Thorp (Ree) of Jersey City, New Jersey with whom Bee resided until God called him home; two sisters-in-law, Rosa Smith (Ralph) of North Carolina and Yolanda Faison (Daniel) of North Carolina; one aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Obie Sator of Charlisle, South Carolina; a loving niece, Tina M. Thorp and a great niece, Gentrell R. Sessoms, who held a very special place in Uncle Bee's heart and were his special caregivers during his illness; three Godchildren, Tina M. Thorp, Benjamin E. Thorp, Jr. and Randall Jackson, Jr.; special nephew-in-law, Rosco Campbell for providing comfort, care and time during Uncle Bee's illness. and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many other relatives, loving friends and neighbors.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Invocation Rev. Dr. Gattis

Hymn Metropolitan Mass Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Elder Bernard Williams

New Testament - St. John 14:1-6 Rev. Karen Scott

Prayer of Comfort Bishop Robert L. Blount

Solo "I Won't Complain"
Lily Fleming

Acknowledgements

Remarks Elder Melvin Gregory

Obituary Read Silently

Musical Selection Metropolitan Mass Choir

Eulogy Rev. Nathaniel B. Legay

Final Viewing Funeral Director & Staff Instructions
Cotton Funeral Service

Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Bayview Cemetery Jersey City, New Jersey</p>

Pallbearers
Nephews

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 joy.
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

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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