



Celebrating the Life of  
**Elder Curtis M. Hodges**

**Sunrise**  
July 30, 1938

**Sunset**  
December 17, 2011

*Service*

Friday, December 23, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

**New Canaan Baptist Church**

228 Putnam Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

**Pastor: Rev. Richard J. Lawson**

**Officiating: Bishop Italy Coakley**

**Organist: Prof. Brian Carnegie**

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Invocation

Selection

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Benediction

Committal

Recessional



## **Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

## *Reflections of Life*

**Curtis M. Hodges** was born on July 30, 1938 in Walterboro, SC to Martha Ann Jenkins Hodges and Harris Hodges, Sr. Curtis attended and completed the local school system of Colleton County, SC. Curtis migrated to New York in 1957.

Curtis loved to cook and when he settled down in Brooklyn he became a short order cook working at various restaurants for many years until his retirement.

Curtis accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age. He was called to preach and he pastored for many years. His parishioners and customers affectionately remember him to be a kind, generous and loving person. He was always willing to help anyone if he could.

Curtis met the former Miss Evelyn Collier and they were united in marriage on December 11, 1964. Curtis lived with his daughter, Renee Hodges all of her life until God called him home.

Curtis was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hodges, Sr., four siblings, Harris Hodges, Jr., Mary Lou Hodges, Charlotte Salley, Queen Ester Walker and one son, Derrick R. Hodges.

He leaves cherish fond memories: his wife, Evelyn C. Hodges; three daughters, Sandra Johnson (Cornelius), Denise Hodges (Easton) and Renee Hodges; one son, Willie Hodges; twelve grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one sister, Evangelist Estell V. Brunson of Sumter, SC; two brothers, Rev. Willie P. Hodges of St. Petersburg, FL and Isreal Hodges, Sr. Walterboro, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted  
The Family

# *God Called Your Name So Softly*

*God called your name so softly,  
that only you could hear  
And no one heard the footsteps  
Of angels drawing near.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.*

*You're always close beside us, in everything we do,  
You were our greatest treasure, God's gift to us was you.*

*We will always remember that way you looked,  
the way you talked and smiled,  
The little things you said and did  
to make our lives worthwhile.*

*Each time we look at your picture,  
you seem to smile and say,  
Don't be sad but courage take  
and love each other for my sake.*

*Just a prayer from the family to you,  
just a memory fond and true,  
In our hearts you will stay forever  
because we thought the world of you.*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.*

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Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:

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