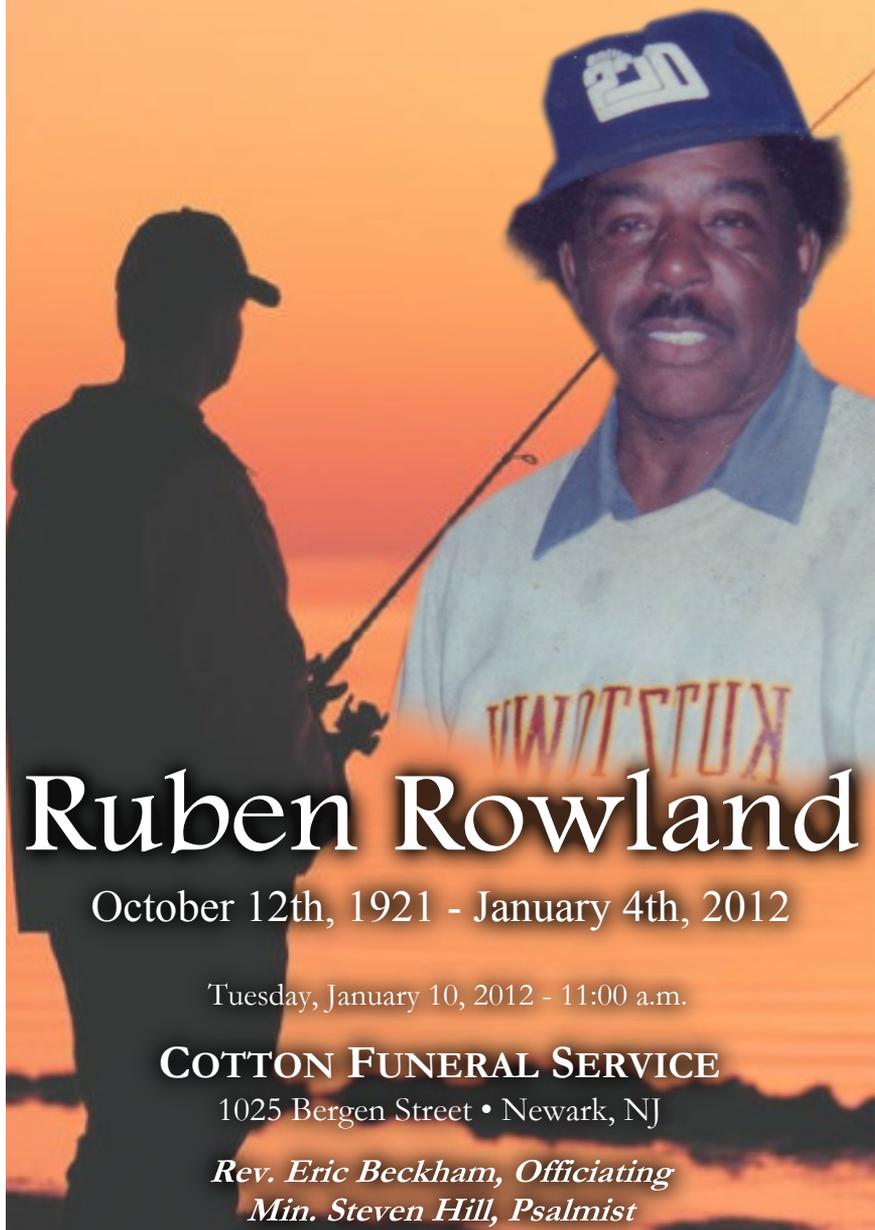


# Home Going Celebration



## Ruben Rowland

October 12th, 1921 - January 4th, 2012

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

### **COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

*Rev. Eric Beckham, Officiating*  
*Min. Steven Hill, Psalmist*

## Obituary

**Ruben Rowland**, the son of Benjamin Rowland and Alice Bryant Rowland was born on October 12th, 1921 in Goodpine, Louisiana.

Mr. Rowland was a self educated man. He entered the United States Army at the age of seventeen and fought in World War II. After serving in the military for three years, he moved to Chicago for a short time, then to Mamaroneck, NY, where he worked in the local factories.

In the late 1950's, he migrated to Lakewood NJ. There he had 5 children with Muriel Wesley, and 4 children with Anna Mae Cradle. Mr Rowland worked in Lakewood NJ for many years as a butcher at Skanenski's Butcher Shop and for the Lakewood Sanitation Department as a collector.

Mr. Rowland was known for his commitment to hard work, and for as much as he worked, he enjoyed the fruits of his labor. Mr. Rowland had an affection for luxury vehicles. Would you believe he had a pink and white Cadillac? Now that's a confident man!

Mr. Rowland had two passions. Flowers and Fishing. In fact, in the late 1970's Mr. Rowland began his long career, with Bell Motors in Rahway, NJ. He worked for Mr. Chuck Chukinko. It was here, that Mr. Rowland showed his craft of landscaping. He was responsible for planting and maintaining, the beautiful artistries of flowers, at various dealerships across New Jersey. And Fishing! Mr. Rowland was a true craftsman with the fishing pole. He knew that he was best that ever did it! "Early to rise" was Mr. Ro's motto. He would fish all day and bring back buckets for him to feast on.

However, it wasn't until 1982, that Mr. Rowland found, met and married his true flower, Mary Anne Williams. The loving couple married in 1984. They settled in Irvington NJ in 1994 and they've been married for twenty-seven wonderful years.

After retiring from Bell Motors in 1995, Mr. Ro simply enjoyed fishing, and having peaceful solace days at home. He would often be found planting flowers on his porch, or just sitting outside enjoying the fresh air.

Mr. Rowland went from labor to reward at the age of ninety years old, after no longer being able to battle back, from surgeries and illness on January 4th, 2012. He leaves to mourn and carry on his legacy, his adoring wife Mary Ann Rowland. 10 children-Dorraine, Sherrie, Ruben Jr., Ben, Brian, Ruben III, Jeffrey, Roger and Rodney Rowland as well as Jami Williams, and his Special daughter, Jackie Ahlow. He leaves also a host of grandchildren, nieces and nephews, loved ones, and friends.

Mr. Rowland goes to meet in heaven his parents, his brothers and sisters, his son Roger and most importantly his Father in Heaven.

Mr. Rowland touched the lives of so many people with his generosity, and truly gentle spirit. He was loved and adored by his family and friends. If you had the opportunity to know this kind soul, you were truly blessed. He will genuinely be missed by ALL that knew him.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Musical Selection ..... “I Wont Complain”  
Minister Steve Hill

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23 ..... Ivy Counts Hunt

New Testament - 1 Thess. 4:13-18 ..... Min. Jacqueline Ahlow

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Ruben Rowland

Selection ..... “Total Praise”  
Min. Steve Hill

Acknowledgements/Remarks (Please Limit remarks to 2 minutes)

"Tribute to Dad" ..... Rodney Rowland

Selection ..... "When You Hear Of My Homegoing"  
Rev. Quilla Rowland

Obituary ..... Min. Jacqueline Ahlow

Selection ..... “Jehovah Jireh”  
Min. Steve Hill

Eulogy ..... Rev. Eric M. Beckham  
Clear View Baptist Church • Newark, NJ

Recessional ..... “Going Up Yonder”

**Interment**

Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth New Jersey

*Repast*

*Don Antonio Restaurant*

*1252 Stuyvesant Avenue Union, NJ 07083*

## *To Those I Love*

*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author unknown*

### **Pallbearers**

Rodney Rowland      Jami Williams  
Jeffrey Rowland      Brian Rowland  
Preston Baldwin

### **Acknowledgement**

The Rowland Family would like to give heartfelt thanks for all acts of kindness during this difficult time. Whether it was a card, a prayer, a phone call or simply your presence we say God bless you and we will extend further acknowledgements at a later time.

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