

In Loving Memory of



**Sunrise**

*September 30, 1938*

**Sunset**

*January 18, 2012*

**Fred R. Lyons**

*Monday, January 23, 2012 - 1:00 p.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Rev. Tammy Bahaj - Officiating*

## *Obituary*

**Fred Robert Lyons** was born on the 30th day of September 1938 to Lenton and Betty Lyons in Washington, Georgia. He went to be with the Lord on the 18th of January 2012 at Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, New Jersey.

Freddie was raised in Augusta, Georgia where he attended the Immaculate Conception Elementary and Middle Schools. He later moved to New Jersey.

Freddie served his country faithfully in the United States Navy, receiving an Honorable Discharge in October 1961 after six years of service. After which time, he was employed for many years as a bartender at the Ridgewood Bar, he also worked as a Longshoreman at the Port of NJ, and as a bus driver for Camptown Bus Company and the Newark Board of Education.

Back in the day, Freddie loved to spend time on Ridgewood Ave. in Newark. In recent days, you could find him either watching TV or spending time with his many friends who lived in his building; he had many faithful friends such as Mary & Sam Blue and Alice Hargrove, a special friend who went out of her way often to care for him. Freddie greatly loved his children and had a special fondness for his grandchildren who affectionately called him "Father".

Freddie leaves cherished memories with: his devoted siblings - his brother, Clinton Lyons, and sister, Agnes Lyons Neal; brother-in-law, Francile Neal; children, Diamond Burchett, Fredrick (Shawn) White, Faiza (Lisa Lyons), Abdul-Qawwee, Vernell Smith, Tracey Oliver Smith, Tammy Oliver Bahaj, Keith Oliver and Fatima Ruffin; nineteen grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; three nephews; two nieces; and a host of faithful friends and other loved ones.

Freddie was preceded in death by his father Lenton Lyon, Sr., his mother, Betty Lyons, his brother Lenton Lyons, Jr., and his daughter, Freda Yarborough.

# *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15

Prayer of Comfort

Acknowledgements & Obituary

**Kia Neal**

Eulogy

**Pastor Tammy Bahaj**

*Christ Bible Fellowship Church*

Recessional

## **Cremation**

Evergreen Crematory/Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

## Always With You

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 too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.  
I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must  
Then let our grief be comforted by trust  
That it is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear  
And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".

*~Unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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