

*Celebrating the Life of*  
***Earl Thomas Benson***

Sunrise  
April 8, 1937

Sunset  
May 5, 2012



*Service*

Thursday, May 10, 2012 - 8:00 p.m.

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOMES, INC.**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Calvin McKinney, Officiating*

*Johnetta Bush, Organist*

## *Reflections of Life*

*"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

Matthew 11:28

**Earl Thomas Benson, Jr.** was the son of the late Earl Benson, Sr. and Mary Emma (Bass) Benson. He was born on April 8, 1937 in Paterson, NJ.

He departed this life on May 5, 2012 peacefully at his home in Clifton, New Jersey after a lengthy illness.

Earl was educated in the public schools of Paterson, NJ. Upon graduating from Eastside High School in Paterson, NJ, he enlisted in the United States Army. He served in the Army from December 1960 - December 1962 (as a cook) and continued in the United States Army Reserves through 1966.

Earl was employed as a teacher's aide at School 12 and later at School 6 for a number of years. He then began his career as a Production Specialist in charge of payroll for Automated Data Processing in Clifton, NJ for twenty-five years before retiring in 2009.

He will be missed for his feistiness. Earl was a man who said what he meant and meant what he said. Although he was not a man of many words; silently, he had a big heart.

He was very proud of his family and their achievements. If you made the newspaper, he had all the articles. Earl was an avid reader, movie watcher and music listener who had a collection of each category to establish his own "Blockbuster".

Earl leaves to cherish his memory: two brothers, Marvin G. Benson (Karen) of Simpson, PA and Carmen W. (Ervenia Glover) Benson, Sr. of Paterson, NJ; three nephews, Marvin G. (Latoya) Benson, Jr., Walter Benson of Paterson, NJ and Carmen W. Benson, Jr. of Sulphur Springs, TX; devoted friend, Richard Schwartz; devoted caregiver, Abdulahi Imoro; special cousins, Gil Benson of Irvington, NJ, Phil Benson and Cecile Dickey of Bluffton, SC; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude .....Johnetta Bush

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements  
and Reflections

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy ..... Rev. Calvin McKinney

Recessional



## **Interment**

Brig. General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey

# *Asleep*

*Away from earth's worries  
Away from all cares  
Our loved one is sleeping  
Beyond the sun's glare,  
His life's work is finished  
So why should we weep?  
In God's wonderful garden  
He has fallen asleep.*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the late **Earl Benson** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You! Special thanks to Griswold Special Care and Earl's caregivers, Abdulahi Imoro for the immaculate care and attention they provided for Earl which allowed him to spend his last days at home with his neighbors and friends.*

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