

Life Reflections

Sylvester Brookins, affectionately called "Bum Baby," was born on September 26, 1915 in Randolph County, Cuthbert, Georgia, one of ten children of the late Rogers Brookins and Carrie Dixon Brookins. He was educated in the Randolph County Public School system in Cuthbert, Georgia.

Sylvester served his country in the United States Army during World War II from 1942 to 1945 and was honorably discharged. After serving his country, he moved to Jacksonville, Florida, then to Charlotte, North Carolina and finally Newark, New Jersey.

He moved to Linden where he met and married Thelma McGhee on March 28, 1953 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. This union was blessed with a daughter, Bernadette.

Sylvester was a faithful member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church for sixty-six years; where he served on the Senior Usher Board for many of those years.

He was a faithful employee of the General Instrument Corporation in Newark, New Jersey for many years, retiring in 1981.

In 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Brookins built a home in Edison, New Jersey for their family. Sylvester was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed hunting, poker and barbecuing with his family. Everyone who knew him knew he was a sharp dresser *from head to toe*.

He was predeceased by one daughter, Mary; two sons, Tommy and Jesse; four sisters: Mozelle, Rebecca, Luella and Silva; and five brothers: James, Lewis, Arthur, Issac and Lonnie.

Having completed a life well lived. Jehovah called him home on Friday, December 14, 2012.

Sylvester Brookins leaves to cherish fond memories his wife of fifty-nine years, Thelma Brookins of Edison, NJ; daughters: Bernadette Brookins of Piscataway, NJ, Gwendolyn Ceus and Charese Richardson of Edison, NJ; sons: Anthony Brookins of Edison, NJ, Darryl Davis of Rahway, NJ, and Joe Scott (Loretta) of Decatur, GA; brothers-in-law, Richard McGhee (Lavettie) of Roselle, NJ; Donald McGhee (Janice) of Washington, DC; sisters-in-law, Tissurene Casey of Saginaw, MI and Jannie Brookins of Charlotte, NC; daughter-in-law, Millie Brookins of Coco, FL. He was a loving grandfather and great-grandfather who will be dearly missed; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Sorrowfully and lovingly submitted, The Family

A Tribute to My Husband

A light from our household is gone; a voice I loved is stilled A place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled.

We have to mourn the loss of you

We did our best to save.

Beloved on earth, regretted still, remembered in the grave.

Farewell, Honeydripper, your life is past

My love for you till the end will last.

Your Loving wife, Thelma

Order Of Service

A Parting View Hymn Scriptures Old Testament New Testament Prayer of Comfort Selection Combined Choir Senior Usher Board Acknowledgement of CondolencesTrustee Eudora Winston Obituary Solo "Lord I'm Coming Home" Trustee Louise Alford Recessional

Interment

Thursday, December 20, 2012 – 10:30 am Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery Wrightstown, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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Pall Bearers Family and Friends of Sylvester Brookins



A Tribute to My Father

"He Only Takes the Best"

Jehovah saw that you were getting tired, Daddy

A cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you
and whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer
and saw you fade away.

Although we love you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest. Goodbye Daddy and Granddaddy!

~ Your Children and Grandchildren

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of **Sylvester Brookins** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

