

Service of Celebration for
Andrew V. Ragland

Sunrise
July 17, 1927

Sunset
December 26, 2012



Service

Friday, January 4, 2013 10:00 AM

HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME

984 Prospect Ave.

Bronx, New York 10459

Officiating: Reverend Yolanda Brown

Organist: Reverend Iduss Nunn, Jr.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scriptures

Old Testament
New Testament

Invocation

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy Reverend Yolanda Brown
Pastor, Brooklyn Christian Center

Committal

Benediction

Final Viewing

Recessional



Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Reflections of Life

Andrew Ragland was born on July 17, 1927 in Lincoln, Alabama to the late Harvey Ragland and Mary Etta Thornton Ragland.

On Wednesday, December 26, 2012 at Montefiore Hospital in Bronx, NY, God in his special way, at his perfect time picked from our midst his precious soul and added him to his Heavenly garden where his spirit will continue to live forever.

Andrew Ragland decided to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Navy in 1945. Serving for three years and then re-enlisted in the Air Force in 1948 where he would serve for twenty-four years and retire. While serving in the Air Force Andrew Ragland met the love of his life Bertha. The two wed in February 1952. He would later be deployed to Okinawa, Japan. Andrew returned in 1956 to raise his oldest son and eventually three more children to follow. Andrew and Bertha were a sign of longevity, loyalty and love as they remained married until he closed his eyes for the last time.

Memories of Andrew Ragland will forever live and be cherished by the loved ones he leaves behind: a loving wife, Bertha Brown Ragland; three children, Marlon, Linda and Theresa; four grandchildren, Lamonte, Tiffany, Shaniece and Marlon; two sisters, Sarah Daniels and Mattie Carr of Birmingham, Alabama; six great grandchildren, Lamonte, Lanyah, Adonis, Danaya, Teddy Teron and Keyon; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in his passing by his son, Gary Ragland and twelve siblings.

Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder why I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home:
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

-unknown author

Acknowledgement

The Family **Andrew Ragland** of would like to thank everyone for their continued support given to the family.
May God bless each of you.

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