

In Loving

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of

Sunrise January 20, 1918 Sunset April 19, 2013

<u>Service</u> Wednesday, April 24, 2013 - 11:00 <u>a.m.</u>

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH** 275 W. Market Street • Newark, New Jersey

The Rev. Dr. M. William Howard, Jr., Pastor

<u>Obituary</u>

The legendary **Bruce Lee**, lived an extraordinary ninety-five years as a Veteran, Trend Setter and Family man. **Bruce**, son of Hattie Lee Filmore, was born January 20th, 1918 in Crestwell, North Carolina. **Bruce** Lee suddenly departed this life on Friday, April 19th, 2013.

Bruce lived in and attended high school in Newark, NJ.

**Bruce** served in the United States Army as a Utility Repairman in the 1940th Engineer Aviation Utility Company. He was awarded the Army of Occupation Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and a World War II Victory Medal.

**Bruce** later lived in East Orange, New Jersey where he worked for Western Electric in Kearny for thirty-eight years. While there he met and joined in holy matrimony his beautiful wife, Carolyn, in 1963. They were wed at Bethany Baptist Church by the Minister James A. Scott.

**Bruce** was the definition of a hard worker. After retiring and relocating to Maplewood, NJ in 1981 Bruce still found time to landscape everyone's lawn possible on the block, give advise, teach the children and still be the best dressed at any function while making everyone laugh whenever possible.

**Bruce** leaves to cherish his memories: his loving and devoted wife of fifty years, Carolyn Lee; daughters, Deborah Thompson and Lynne Nelson and her fiance John Bennett; grandchildren, Tamara Thompson, Joslyn Smith, Dean Nelson, Tiffany Jones, Brook Jones, Lucille King, Elizabeth Al-Baseer, Regina Bolden, Eugene Banks and Darleen; thirty-one great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

**Bruce** was preceded in death by his mother, Hattie Lee Filmore, his aunt, Iclean Palin, his mother-in-law, Alberta V. Schench and three of his five children, Preston, Bruce Jr. and Verlena Jones.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Prelude	Brother Robert Richardson
Processional	
Congregational Hymn	"Blessed Assurance" # 249
Prayer of Comfort	
Scripture Reading Old Testament - Psalm 91:1-10 New Testament - John 6:35- 40	
Selection	
Reflections	Michael T. Myers, Sr. Johanna Wright
Resolution/Acknowledgements	
Obituary	Read Silently
Selection	
Eulogy The	Rev. Dr. M. William Howard, Jr.
Closing Prayer	
Recessional	Lonnie Youngblood

## <u>Interment</u>

Fairmont Cemetery 620 Central Ave Newark, NJ 07107

Repast Bethany Baptist Church 275 West Market Street Newark, New Jersey 07103

## Psalm 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I

will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family wishes to express their appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.

## Professional Services by: Whigham Funeral Home

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