

*Homegoing Service  
Celebrating the Life Of*



*Sunrise*  
June 14, 1950

*Sunset*  
July 30, 2013

*George Stradford*

**Service**

Tuesday, August 6, 2013 ~ 11:00 am

**Aenon Baptist Church**

1500 Brown Avenue

Union, New Jersey

***Rev. Alfonso Williams, Sr., M. Div, BCC, BCPC - Pastor***

## *Life Reflections*

**George Stradford** was born on June 14, 1950 in Chester, South Carolina, son of Virginia Marie Williams Stradford and Hardin Stradford, Sr. At the age of 2, his family relocated to New Jersey. He was educated in the Union Public School System and graduated from Union High School in 1968.

He was a member of Aenon Baptist Church in Union, New Jersey.

George was joined in holy matrimony to Dorothy Jean Jones and this union was blessed with 3 sons, Terrance Lamont, George Darnell and Michael Monroe. After Dorothy passed away in 1996, he was blessed a daughter, Ajatte.

George was employed as a Construction Worker for American Water Company in Short Hills, New Jersey for over 20 years before he retired in 2000.

George Stradford departed this life on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at the age of 63. He was predeceased by his mother, Virginia Stradford and 3 brothers, Corey, Kevin and Christopher Stradford.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: three sons, Terrance Lamont Stradford of Newark, NJ, George Stradford (Jenea) of Plainfield, NJ and Michael Stradford of Rahway, NJ; 1 daughter, Ajatte Stradford of Newark, NJ; 8 grandchildren, Aniya, Kayama, Christopher, Cassaundra, Chaela, Michael, Shanel and Shantel Stradford; 1 great grandchild, Haven Clark; his father, Hardin Stradford, Sr. of Vauxhall, NJ; 1 brother, Hardin Stradford, Jr. (Melinda) of Union, NJ; 1 sister, Spring Lee (Lavern, Sr.) of Vauxhall, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,  
The Family

# Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

A Parting View

Hymn.....“The Blood Will Never Lose It’s Power” – Pg. 97

Scriptures.....Reverend Theodore Jenkins

Old Testament - Psalm 32

New Testament - 2nd Corinthians 1:3-7

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Claude Underwood

Solo.....Spring Lee

Words of Comfort.....Deacon Darryl Koon

Reflections.....Family and Friends

Acknowledgement of Condolences and the Obituary.....Jackie Carter

Poem.....“When I Must Leave You” - Cassandra Stradford

Hymn Selection.....Choir

Eulogy.....Rev. Alfonzo Williams, Sr., M. Div, BCC, BCPC

Recessional

## **Interment**

Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey

**Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to return to Aenon Baptist Church where a repast will be served .**

*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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*“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”*

## *Pall Bearers*

Family and Friends of **George Stradford**

### *When I Must Leave You*

*Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in.  
Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win.  
Please don't say how good I was, but I did my best.  
Just say that I tried to do what's right –  
to give the most I could, not less.*

*Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do.  
I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just me due,  
Please don't give flowers, or talk in hushed tones.  
Don't be concerned about me now,  
I'm well with God; I've made my home.*

*Don't talk about what could have been, It's over and its done.  
Just see to all my family's needs, the battle has been won.  
When you draw a picture of me don't draw me as a Saint.  
I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all you paint –  
Not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark.  
In fact, don't put me down on canvass, paint me in your heart.*

*Don't just remember good times, but remember all the bad.  
For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad.  
But if you must do something, then I have one last request –  
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done, and with the love that's left,  
Thank God for my soul's resting, thank God for I've been blessed.  
Thank God for all who loved me, praise God who loved me best.*

### *Acknowledgement*

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

