

Homegoing  
Celebration  
for

*Russell Daniel Chestnut*  
*“Bunk”*

**Sunrise**  
January 13, 1939

**Sunset**  
October 13, 2013

*Service*

Saturday, October 19, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

**CHRIST TEMPLE BAPTIST**

38 Hopper Street

Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Gregory C. Turner, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

*"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but the things that are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal but the things which are not seen are eternal."*

### **II Corinthians 4:17-18**

On Sunday, October 13, 2013, our Almighty God brought to rest the life of Russell Daniel Chestnut, after a long illness. He was born on January 13, 1937 in Lee County, SC. (Bishopville) to the late Juanita and Harry Chestnut.

In his early adulthood life, he met and married Maggie Mae Chestnut. To this union God granted them four children, Beverly, Jerome, Vonna and Russell Jr. later they relocated to Paterson, New Jersey. Russell was employed by the Sanitation Department of New Jersey, where he worked for many years until his retirement.

As we talked to Russell's Nurse, (at the Preakness Health Care Center, Wayne, New Jersey), she said his only request was for everyone to pray for him. No more surgeries, no more machines, no more poking and pondering this body. "I'm Ready To Come Home." He found peace within, and with God, we are found, rescued, forgiven and loved ! He reached way down out of his pain and weakness to talk to God and ask that we continue to pray for him.

Russell was preceded in death by his mother, (Juanita), father, (Harry Chestnut); one son, Russell Chestnut, Jr.; two sisters, Willie Jean Chestnut, Emma Hough, two brothers, Rj Williams, Leverr Kennedy, two sisters-in-law, Beatrice Kennedy and Paulette Williams; and one brother-in-law, James Dixon.

Precious memories will be cherished by: his wife, Maggie Mae Chestnut (Augusta, GA); three children, Beverly Parks (Raleigh, NC), Jerome and Vonna Chestnut (Paterson, NJ); seven brothers, Leroy Kennedy (Baltimore, MD); Louis B. Chestnut (Mary) Paterson, NJ, Joseph H. Chestnut (Ida) Somerset, NJ, McArthur Williams Paterson, NJ, Dea. Ronnie Williams (Sarah) Bear, DE; two adopted brothers, Leon Williams, NC and Jack Brown (Eva Mae) Griffin, GA; two sisters, Betty Jean Mack (Baltimore, MD) Dr. Jessie Dixon, Paterson, NJ; one aunt, Eula Mae McCall; one sister-in-law, Louise Kennedy; twenty-six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Hymn

Word Of God Declared

Old Testament - Rev. Estelle Horne

New Testament - Elder Kermit Hughes

Prayer

Rev. Alfred Steele

Selection

Beverly Parks

Acknowledgements and Reflections

Sarah Williams

Remarks

Selection

Fellow Citizens

Word Of Life Proclaimed

Dr. Gregory C. Turner

Selection

Christina Mason

Recessional

## **Interment**

Monday, October 21, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

Arlington Cemetery

748 Schuyler Avenue

Kearny, New Jersey

# *A Journey With The Lord*

*Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be, a resting place along the road to sweet eternity. We all have different journeys, different paths along the way, we all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay...*

*Our destination is a place far greater than we know. For some, the journey's quicker, for some, the journey's slow. And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward and find an everlasting peace, together with the lord.*

## *Acknowledgement*

*Our gratitude cannot be adequately expressed with mere words alone, but they are the best we have to offer in saying "THANK YOU" for lifting clouds and letting the sunshine through.  
The Chestnut-Kennedy-Williams Family*

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