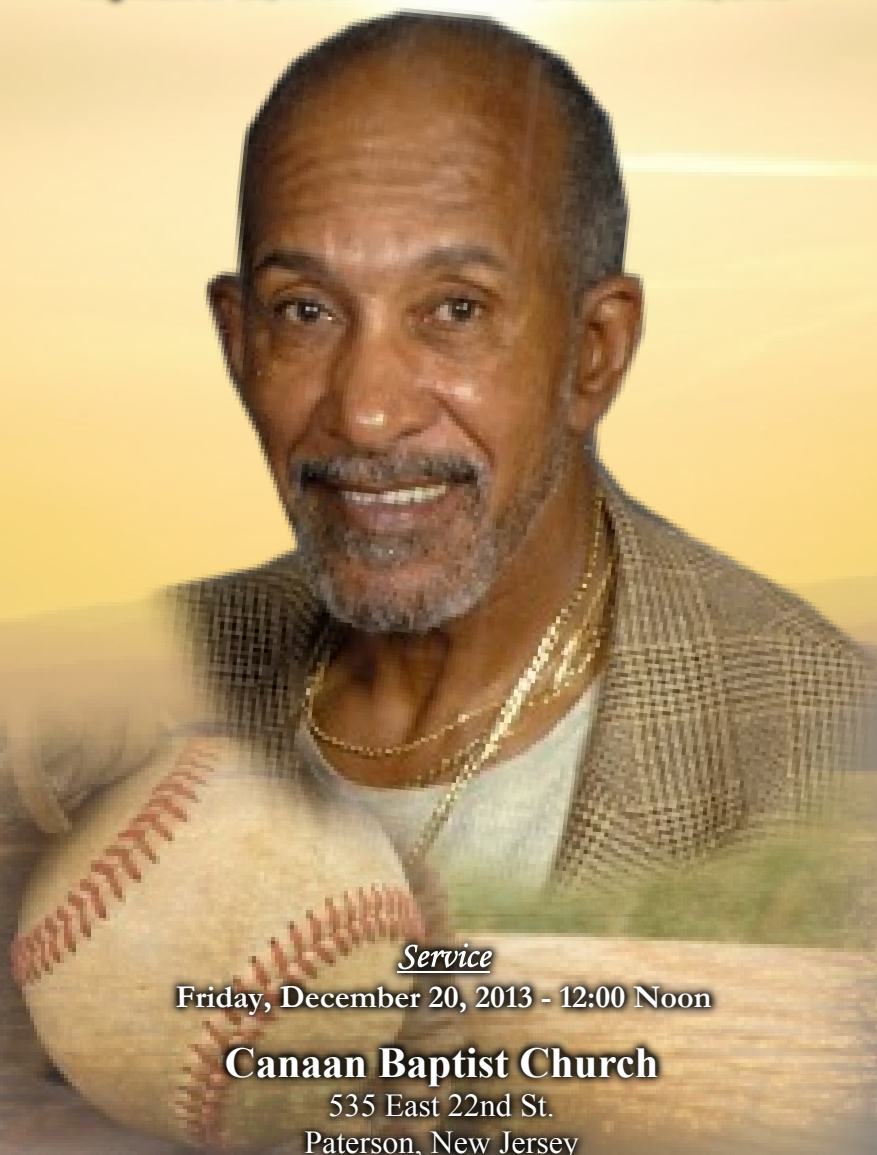


Celebration of Life for Calvin S. Martin

Sunrise
September 28, 1944

Sunset
December 12, 2013



Service

Friday, December 20, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

Canaan Baptist Church

535 East 22nd St.

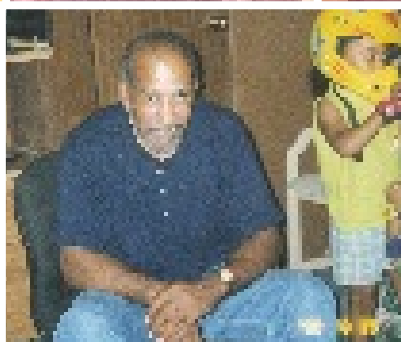
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham, Officiating



"Batting in Heaven Together"







He Has Earned His Wings

There are angels born today for everything. There is a price to pay for happiness, pain and strife; such is the progression of life.

We try to do the best of things so we can one day earn our wings. We walk paths that sometimes bend; we'll never know when that walk will end.

We live, we love, we laugh, we pray, we live our life from day to day. We close our eyes and hope tomorrow doesn't bring too much sorrow. With all the things a day can bring; with each accomplishment we earn our wings.

We're glad you didn't suffer long and while here we wished you comfort and peace. You left too soon, so now we must carry on and be strong. We love you Cal, we miss you and we'll see you again.

Today we mourn, today we cry, today we sing
but Calvin Martin has earned his wings!

With all my heart
Your Wife

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Calvin Martin** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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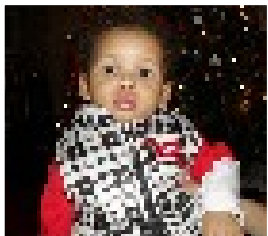
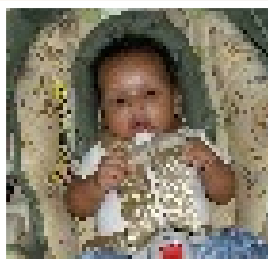




*Death is inevitable but heaven it's incredible!
Where sickness subsides and love never dies,
I'm sure it's pleasing to the eyes.*

*He'll be loved in heaven as well as on earth,
so let's rejoice on this day of hurt.
I know he's in God's embrace and
once again I shall see his face.*

We love you Papa!



Reflections of Life



Calvin S. Martin (affectionately known as “Uncle Man”, “Boomer” and “Fox”) was born to the late Johnny and Viola Martin – Harrison on September 28, 1944 in Ridgeway, SC.

He was educated in the Kershaw County Public School System and graduated from Jackson High School in Camden, SC.

Calvin met Bernice while attending high school and they would later marry on June 11, 1966. To this union they were blessed with one child, Kevin Martin.

Calvin was a man perfectly happy with his place in the world, a loving husband, father, grandfather and mentor who has left much to all of those who were touched by his wit and wisdom.

Professionally, Calvin was a loyal employee for Coach USA. He retired in 2009 to spend quality time with Bernice, the love of his life. Calvin loved people and often found time to visit the sick. He looked forward to daily visits to Dunkin Donuts, where he would share a laugh over a cup of coffee with friends. Those times were very meaningful to him; he loved his friends.

He was very athletic and had a love for all sports. His true passion, which he shared with his son, was baseball. The many awards and trophies would later prove he was very skilled; his opponents and team mates would agree.

Calvin saw no limit in providing for his family and ensuring their safety. He excelled at being his own personal gardener, auto mechanic and handyman. There was nothing broken around the house that he didn't attempt to fix. His example challenges anyone that dares to follow in his footsteps to be a man of integrity, courage, and strength.

Calvin was the backbone of the entire family. His kind spirit, loving nature and oversized humanity will live on forever in the people he touched.

He loved God and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

Calvin entered into eternal rest on December 12th, 2013 at Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack, NJ with his loving wife by his side.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kevin Martin, his brother, Decatur Martin, and two sisters, Estelle Harrison and Rachel Robinson.

Calvin leaves to cherish his memory: his beloved wife, Bernice (Pickett) Martin; his grandson, Kevin S. Martin; two great-grandchildren, Amauri and Khiyan Martin all of Paterson, NJ; five sisters, Pearl Grant, Barbara Williams, Etta Roseborough of Ridgeway, SC, Mozelle (Raleigh) Bennett and Evelyn Scott of Lugoff, SC; one step sister, Dorothy Smith; six sisters-in-law: Mary H. Martin of New Haven, CT, Lottie Pickett and Carrie Brisbon of Paterson, NJ, Hattie Stuckey of Rembert, SC, Jannie (David) Holmes of Roselle, NJ and Queen Elizabeth Holmes of Port Reading, NJ; aunts, Willie Mae Brown, Francis Brown, Johnnie Mae Brown and Esther Brown; two brothers-in-law: Bennie and Frank Pickett of Paterson, NJ; five Godchildren: Jacinda Byrd-Smith, Calvin Grant, Kenneth Pickett, Corey Brisbon and Keishon Currie; special friends, Cleo and Shirley Byrd of Chesterfield, VA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Calvin was loved by all that knew him. In the end, his greatest gift to all of us may be this obituary-one that places a blessing on its readers and a yearning in our hearts for more like him.



Order of Service

Call to Worship

Musical SelectionJ.R. Scott

Scripture..... Rev. David Holmes, Jr.
Old Testament/ New Testament

Prayer of ConsolationRev. David Holmes, Jr.

Musical SelectionCalvin Grant

Acknowledgements..... Burlene Tharpe

Remarks (2 minute limit)..... Jacinda Byrd-Smith (Goddughter)
Barbara Williams (Sister)
Stephanie Martin (Niece)
Maurice Pickett (Nephew)
Tammy Lee Jordan (friend)
Marlon Darby (Co-Worker)

Musical Selection.....Veronica O’Neal

EulogyRev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Pall Bearers

<i>Keishon Currie</i>	<i>Decatur Martin</i>	<i>Ezra Farmer</i>
<i>Jason Herring</i>	<i>Jacquise Pickett</i>	<i>Tommy Martin</i>
<i>Dennis McFadden</i>	<i>George Gilliam</i>	<i>Kenny Pickett</i>

Flower Bearers

<i>Malika Gilliam</i>	<i>Irene Yacono</i>
<i>Mary Martin</i>	<i>Michelle Bennett</i>