

A Memory of Benjamin Graves

Home Going Celebration for

From his niece, Verna Graves

A kind and gentle man, who led a family for many decades and will be truly missed. His presence, his smile, his strength and strong demeanor can not be duplicated. His life was one to be admired.

His strength to be acknowledged and his memory never to be forgotten.

*We will miss you, we will always love you and we know
God has only taken you home to a place of peace.
May the angels rejoice.*

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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Benjamin I. Graves

Sunrise

April 15, 1933

Sunset

March 20, 2014

Service

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church

100 Montgomery Street

Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Rakeem S. Thomas, Sr., Officiating

Order of Service

Presiding Rev. Rakeem S. Thomas, Sr.

Processional

Opening Hymn Choir

Scripture Readings Terry Graves
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer Joey Graves

Selection Kema Wilson

Remarks (2 Minutes)

Reading of Obituary Verna Graves

Poem

Selection Choir

Eulogy Rev. Rakeem S. Thomas, Sr.

The Lord's Prayer Joey Graves

Recessional

Interment

Bethlehem Cemetery
Johnsonville, South Carolina

Obituary

Mr. Benjamin Graves was born April 15, 1933 in Hemingway, South Carolina the son of the late Mr. Edgar Graves and the late Mrs. Florence Graves.

Benjamin was employed with U.S. Airways for fifty-two years before he retired.

Benjamin was a member of Newark Club Boxing Team in his earlier years and was a avid bowler at Parkway Lane, Lyons Lanes, Hyway Bowl, and Garden State Bowl for many years. He was also a member and usher for many years at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.

He leaves to cherish his memories forever: his son, Al-torre B. Hooper (Tamika Hooper); a nephew (who he raised as a son), Terry Graves (Verna Graves); four grandchildren, Alaysia T. Hooper, Jailyn T. Hooper, Tashae Ruth and Omar Thomas; four sisters, Dorothy Graves of the home, Alma Woodberry of Norfolk, VA, Margarette Wallace of Hemingway, SC and Lorraine Barr of Florence, SC; brother, Willie James Graves; two sisters-in-law, Gladys Graves and Betty Graves. Also left to cherish his memories are his nieces, nephews, great nephews, great nieces, and a host of other relatives, family and friends.

Benjamin was preceded in death by his mate, Geraldine Hooper of forty-five years, one sister, Lillie Mae Graves, his brothers, Clarence Graves, Ivan Lee Graves, William Graves and Ernest Graves (nephew like a brother).

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