

Celebrating The Life of



Van Buren Bagby

Sunrise
October 29, 1941

Sunset
June 19, 2014

Friday, June 27, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

PEACEFUL ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

213 Rhode Island Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey 07018

Rev. James A. Johnson, Officiating

Obituary

Van B. Bagby departed this life on Thursday, June 19, 2014, in East Orange, New Jersey. Van was born in Dillwyn, Virginia on October 29, 1941 to the late Thelma Austin in Buckingham County, Virginia where he attended Carter G. Woodson High School.

Van accepted Christ at an early age and joined Second Liberty Baptist Church in Andersonville, Virginia. Later he moved to New Jersey with his mother and stepfather, the late Lawrence Austin where he joined the Peaceful Zion Church Family.

He was a hard worker and devoted son. Then worked for American Metal Molding Company and Nesor Alloy Corporation for combined total of over thirty years.

After his parents became ill in 2003, Van retired to care for them. After their passing in 2003 and 2004 respectively, Van returned to the work force as a school crossing guard in East Orange, New Jersey, as well as maintaining his grass cutting business until he became ill in late 2013.

Van leaves to cherish his memory: his longtime life partner and soulmate, Ms. Minnie Pearl Dunson and her family; stepbrother, Donald Lee; one aunt, Hazetta Bagby; cousins, Ralph Peaks, Gail Barte and Deborah Mathis; goddaughter, Keisha Peaks; as well as additional relatives and MANY, MANY, MANY friends.

Order of Service

Seating of The Family.....Funeral Director

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. James A. Johnson

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Expressions.....The Church, Friends and Family

Acknowledgements..... Ms. Lillian McDonald

Obituary.....Read Silently

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Words of Comfort.....Rev. James A. Johnson

Committal

Blessing of The Food and Repast

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Cremation (Private)
Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey

Repast

Immediately following the service family and friends are invited for a repast in the church Dining Hall.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

We deeply appreciate your prayers, the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. May God's goodness be with you always.

Minnie Pearl Dunson and The Bagby Family

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