

*In Loving Memory Of*

*Joseph Blackshear III*

*“Tootsie”*



*Sunrise*

**July 19, 1960**

**Elizabeth, New Jersey**

*Sunset*

**July 18, 2014**

**Rahway, New Jersey**

**Service**

**Thursday, July 24, 2014 ~ 11:00 am**

**Heard African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**Rev. T. R. Goyins Plaza**

**310 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**Roselle, New Jersey 07203**

***Rev. Archie Cummings, Jr., Pastor***

## *Life Reflections*

*Joseph Blackshear III* was born on July 19, 1960 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, son of Georgiana Blackshear and the late Joseph Blackshear, Jr. He lived in Linden and Rahway before settling in Roselle.

“Tootsie,” as he was called by his family and friends, graduated from Rahway High School where he excelled in basketball. After high school, he was employed as a Mail Handler for the then Rahway Mail Distribution Center until he became disabled.

He was a member of Heard African Methodist Episcopal Church in Roselle.

Tootsie was a very kind, caring and wonderful person who always thought of others before himself. He was always willing to give a helping hand when needed. Tootsie adored all of his family and completed all of his Christmas shopping for the 2014 holiday season. He was a devoted and loyal son to his mother; he had a special relationship with his grandmother, and cared for her until his passing.

On Friday, July 18, 2014, at the age of 53, Joseph Blackshear III was called from his earthly home to that heavenly home to be with his father, Joseph Blackshear, Jr.; grandparents, Martha and Leroy Wheeler and brother, Gregory Wayne Wheeler.

He leaves to cherish precious memories, his devoted mother, Georgiana Blackshear; dear grandmother, Lucille Blackshear; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

### *Afterglow*

*I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when the day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.*

*-Helen Lowrie Marshall*

Lovingly submitted,  
The Family

# Order Of Service

## **Organ Prelude**

### **Hymn of Comfort**

"Blessed Assurance" - Hymn 450

## **Prayer of Comfort**

### **Scriptures**

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - Revelations 22:1-11

### **Solo**

Dwayne Jennings

## **Acknowledgment of Condolences**

## **Reading of the Obituary**

### **Solo**

Dwayne Jennings

### **Words of Comfort**

Rev. Archie Cummings, Jr.

### **Recessional**

*"Going up Yonder"*

### **Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Pallbearers: Family and Friends of Joseph "Tootsie" Blackshear III

*Immediately following the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to  
Return to Heard A.M.E. Church where a Repast will be served.*

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### ***Services Entrusted To:***

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## *I'm Free*

*Author Unknown*

*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've found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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've savored much,  
Good times, good friends, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all to brief,  
Don't lengthen if now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

## *Acknowledgement*

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

