

A portrait of an elderly Black man, William James Robert Sands, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background of the portrait is a soft-focus landscape with trees and a bright sun or moon setting or rising over water, creating a golden glow.

*In Loving*

*Memory*

*of*

*William James Robert Sands*

*Sunrise*

October 18, 1962

*Sunset*

July 31, 2014

Service

Friday, August 8, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

**GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Pastor Rudolph Bolling, Officiating*  
*Rev. David Jenkins, Organist*

## Obituary

**William J. R. Sands**, was born October 18, 1962 to Mamie (Pratt) Sands and Spencer Sands, Sr. Willie was born in Flower 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and grew up in Lincoln Projects. Willie attended P.S. 197, J.H.S. 175 and George Washington High School.

Willie was born with a handicap of Cerebral Palsy, but he didn't let that stop him.

Willie was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary Pratt (Mutta), his mother, Mamie (Pratt) Sands, father, Spencer Sands, Sr., brother, Spencer Sands, Jr. and sister, Michelle (Sands) Bey.

Willie is survived by: his fiance, Lakima Simpson; brother, Elijah Cuffie (Herbie); niece, Sherneice Idris (Lucky Charm); aunts, Mary Caldwell and Margaret Cobb; uncles, Thomas Caldwell and Julius Cobb; cousins, James, Reggie, Dawn, Mary, Marilyn, Michael, Sarah, Mamie, Julius (Bubba), Melonie, Yolanda and Shirley; one step daughter, Shakima Dowell; and one step son, Shamel Simpson.

# *Order of Service*

**Opening prayer**  
*Pastor Rudolf Bolling*

**Obituary**  
*Vonda Clarke*

**Eulogy**  
*Pastor Rudolf Bolling*

**Poem**  
*Sherneice Idris*

**Any Guests Acknowledgments**

**Acknowledgments**  
*Unity Funeral Home*

**Interment**

Maple Grove Cemetery  
Hackensack, New Jersey

## My Uncle

I came into this life  
You held me in your arms  
You kept me safe  
So no one could harm

You taught me values  
Lessons in life I would learn  
You taught me to respect  
I gave you love in return

You have always been in my life  
Through thick and thin  
And now my lonely journey  
Without you will begin

For you were my hero  
Forever and a day  
You will always remain that hero  
Till I meet you again some day

I will embrace you in my arms  
And hold on tight  
I will stand by your side  
And you will never leave my sight

I miss you so much  
The pain does not ease  
I pray you are happy  
And finally at peace

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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