

*In Loving  
Memory of*

*James "Cowboy" Bradley, Jr.*

*Sunrise*

*May 2, 1955*

*Sunset*

*August 18, 2014*

*Service*

*Sunday, August 24, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.*

**JERSEY CITY DELIVERANCE TEMPLE**

131 Union Street • Jersey City, NJ 07304

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Rev. Pooser and Family

Prayer.....Min. Janet Couser

Scripture Readings.....Rev. Pamela Loving-Felts

Old Testament - Psalms 63

New Testament - I John 3:1-3

Special Presentation.....Tony Goodson

Samuel R. Shelton VFW Post 2294

Selection.....Briana Couser

Reading of Obituary, Cards, and Condolences

Remarks (limit 2 mins please).....Friends & Family

Selection.....Brice Couser

Eulogy.....Rev. Pooser

Final Viewing.....Cotton Parker Funeral Home

Recessional

## Interment

William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey

## *Pall Bearers*

Thomas Bradley

Marcus Bradley

Brice Couser

Kenneth Ryals

Leslie Ross

Charles Settles, Jr.

## *Repast to be held at*

*Samuel R. Shelton VFW Post 2294*

*98 Oak Street • Jersey City, New Jersey*

# Obituary



**James Bradley, Jr.**, was born on May 2, 1955 in Jersey City, New Jersey to the late Mr. and Mrs. James and Jettie Bradley, Sr. He was the fourth child of five and their only son, this added to the excitement in the Bradley household.

James was quite the comedian. Growing up with four sisters would prove to be challenging for some, but James always found a way to bring life to the dullest of situations. Whether it was sharing his account of a funny story, in a way that

only he could, or parading around town with his mother's Sunday's Best hats on, with James it was never a boring moment.

James was raised in Jersey City, where he attended Henry A. Snyder High School and became quite the athlete. He played football for Snyder and everyone came to know him by his nick name "Cowboy". In 1977, while riding on the Bergen Avenue bus line, James met the love of his life, Sheila Bradley, his adoring wife of over thirty-six years. The two married on January 7, 1978 and five children were welcomed into their union.

James served in the US Marine Corps for twenty-five years. He traveled all over the world and took great pride in serving his country. In 1999, he retired with the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant.

After a brief illness, James was called home to rest on August 18, 2014.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Sheila Bradley; five children, Thomas Bradley, Steven Bradley (Catherine), Violet Ross, Radiah Bradley and Mahogany (Anthony) Johnson; twelve grandchildren, Emmanuel Alexander, Salaam Rutherford, Kiyree Arvinger, Adasha Rutherford, Javor Bently, Leslie Ross, Tyeima Ross, Breann Bradley, Taja Chapman, Myzhane Scott, Anthony Johnson, Jr. and Sanai Jones; four sisters, Betty Ann Washington, Minnie Lee Benekin, Ernestine Ware and Rudeen Settles (the late Charles Settles, Sr.); loving mother-in-law, Lealer Mae Ryals; sisters-in-law, Linda Jones (the late Milton Jones), Rhonda Smith, Lisa Ryals-Johnson (Theodore) and Denise Brown (Calvin); brother-in-law, Kenneth Ryals; beloved uncle, Willie Bradley; special nephews, Marcus Bradley (Erica) and James K. Tyler; and a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends.

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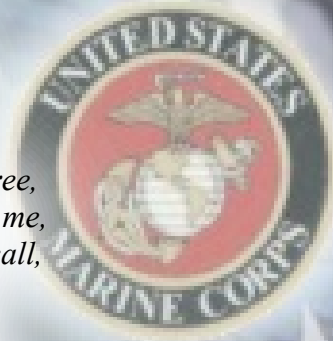
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# *I'm Free*



*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 place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Than 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 friends, good times,  
A loved one's touch,  
Perhaps my time seemed all to 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.*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The Family acknowledges with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God bless you and keep you.*

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