

# Reflections of Life

**Arnold John Abernathy** was born to the late John and Ruth (Malcolm) Abernathy on November 25, 1938. Arnold spent his youth grouping up and attending Fancy Hill Baptist Church in High Shoals, N.C. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Shelby, N.C. in 1952.

After graduation, Arnold worked before enlisting in the United States Army, where he served his country for three years. He then met his wife, Betty Friday. They moved to New Jersey in the early 1960's. In 1965, Arnold began his career as a Bus Driver at New Jersey Transit. In 2007 when he retired he was a Regional Supervisor/ Dispatcher.

Arnold was a loving and devoted husband to Betty, a father to Calvin Burris, and stepfather to Rommel Friday of Gastonia, NC and Victor Friday of Charlotte, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ruth Malker Abernathy; a brother, Lee Abernathy; and a sister, Georgiana Starr.

On August 24, 2014, God told Arnold John Abernathy, "Your Suffering is Over, Come Home".

He leaves to cherish fond memories his wife, Betty Friday Abernathy; a sister, Pauline DeMoss of Willingboro, NC; a brother, Jack Abernathy of Gastonia, N.C; one grandchild; a brother-in-law, Thomas Starr; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

God has added another Angel to His ever expanding family. "Abbey" (as he was fondly known), you will be truly missed.

## Order of Service

Recessional

#### Interment

Pastor of The Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield.

Fancy Hill Baptist Church Cemetery Dallas, North Carolina





# Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep, So there's no reason for you to weep; This is a debt we all must pay, You will see me again someday. I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow, Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow. But life for you must go on, You must not worry because I'm gone. You stood beside me all the way, When I was down, you knew what to say ... You always told me, "get some rest," Let me sleep now, I've done my best. So please let me rest in peace, The tears you're shedding soon will cease. You'll soon realize this was meant to be. I thank God because He came for me.







## Acknowledgement

The family of the late Arnold J. Abernathy wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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