

*In Loving
Memory
of*



James R. Belk

Sunrise
May 24, 1936

Sunset
November 20, 2014

Saturday, November 29, 2014 -9:30 a.m.

CLINTON MEMORIAL AME ZION CHURCH

151 Broadway
Newark, New Jersey
Rev. Taylor, Pastor

Obituary

James Richard Belk a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend entered eternal rest on Thursday, November 20, 2014.

Born May 24, 1936 in Mineral Springs, NC, James was the son of the late Briley Belk, Sr. and Viola Robinson Belk. James was raised in Monroe, NC and attended the Union County Public School System. James was a graduate of Western Union High School.

James was united in holy matrimony to Willo Dean Burns August 11, 1954. This union was blessed with four children, Marilyn, James Michael, Sandra and Tonny.

James and Willo relocated to Newark, NJ in 1961. James was employed as a Longshoreman with Maher Terminal in Port Elizabeth, New Jersey.

A devoted Christian before relocating to Newark, New Jersey, James was a member of Thompson Chapel AME Zion Church, Mineral Springs, NC. While a member of Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church Newark, NJ. James was awarded "Grandfather of the Year" in 2002.

James, AKA "The Lad" a handyman's handyman enjoyed a good meal especially family barbecues, and outings. James loved classic movies and westerns. A CNN- Junkie James enjoyed politics, and the news of the day. James enjoyed traveling and encouraging young people. James was known for a good laugh and providing everybody with guidance for example "Y'all better tighten up".

James was predeceased by his parents Briley Belk, Sr. and Viola Robinson Belk, his wife Willo Dean Burns Belk and one brother, Craven Belk.

Beautiful memories will always be cherished by his children: two sons, James Michael (Michelle) of Chicago, IL, Tonny (Lisa) of Rahway, NJ; two daughters, Marilyn Belk and Sandra Heyward both of Avenel, NJ; one brother, Briley Belk, Jr. of Charlotte, NC; three sisters, Margret Crumpler (Monte), Modean Belton (James) both of Monroe, NC and Doris Belk of Charlotte, NC; five grandchildren, Nichole McPhail (Jacyn), Darrell Harris, Aerielle, Brionna, and Collin Belk; two great grandchildren, Imani, and Jada Harris; two brothers-in-law, George Cohen, Jr. (Jillian) of Tuscon, AZ, James Ronnie Burns (Bobbie) of Indian Trail, NC; one sister-in-law, Norma Royal of Rahway, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Words of Assurance

Opening Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

New Testament - John 14:1-16

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Rudolph P. Gibbs

Solo

Reflections Family & Friends (2 minutes)

Words of Comfort Rev. Joseph A. Hooper

Solo

Reading of Church Resolution

Acknowledgements Janice Royal

Reading of the Obituary Michelle Zakee

Selection Clinton Memorial Choir

Eulogy Bishop Reginald T. Jackson

Closing Song “I’m Free”

Benediction

Recessional “I’ll Fly Away”

Entombment

Clover Leaf Park Cemetery
Woodbridge, New Jersey

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, either sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away”.

Revelations 21:4

Pallbearers

Jeffrey Burns	Darrell Harris
Walter Caldwell	Jacyn McPhail
Gary Crumpler	Spyder D. Hamilton
Steven Royal	Jan E. Petty
Warren Royal	

May I Go

*May I go now? Do you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye to pain - filled days and nights?
I lived my life and did my best,
And an example I tried to be so,
Can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?
I didn't want to go at first; I fought with all my might.
But something seemed to draw me near, to a warm and loving light.
I want to go, I really do.
It's difficult to stay, but I will try as best I can to live just one more day.
To give you time to care for me and share your love and fears.
I know you are sad and afraid because I see your tears
I'll not be far, I promise that, and hope you will always know
That my spirit will be close to where ever you may go.
Thank you so for loving me, you know I love you too.
That is why it is hard to say goodbye and end this life with you.
So hold me now just one more time and let me hear you say,
Because you care so much for me, you'll let me go today.*

Acknowledgements

*We the family of **James R. Belk** wish to thank each of you for every expression of love and kindness extended to us during the illness and passing of our loved one. The prayers for God to strengthen us, words of encouragement, visits, cards, and telegrams were a great source of comfort. We thank God for blessing us with such loving friends and neighbors. May our Heavenly Father continue to shower His blessings upon each one of you.*

The Family

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