

A black and white portrait of a young man, Alfonza Jackson, Sr., wearing a dark suit jacket, a light-colored shirt, and a tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a soft, light-colored, textured wash.

In Loving Memory

Alfonza Jackson, Sr.

Sunrise
May 12, 1936

Sunset
December 9, 2014

Saturday, December 13, 2014 -11:00 a.m.

ZION PENTECOSTAL FAITH CHURCH

292 Rhode Island Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey 07018

Elder Raymond S. Lewis, Interim Pastor
Evangelist Charlene W. Johnson, Officiating

Obituary

On Tuesday, December 9, 2014, **Alfonza Jackson, Sr.** entered into eternal rest in Brandywine, Maryland.

Alfonza, the son of the late Irene Walker and Brown Jackson, was born May 12, 1936 in Montgomery, Alabama, and received his formal education at Lovely Elementary School and Bellenger High School. While at Bellenger High School, he led the Marching Band during parades. After leaving school, he became a professional painter and moved to Daleville, Alabama, and worked at the Fort Ricker Company Club. While there, he befriended a co-worker named Jessie Williams, who introduced him to his sister named Birtha Mae Williams. On April 1, 1964 Alfonza and Birtha entered into holy matrimony and relocated to Orange, New Jersey.

Alfonza began work at the Marborough Hotel in East Orange, New Jersey where he met Mother Earlene Brown, who often talked to him about the Lord and “being saved”. He recalled trying to hide from Mother Brown, but she would always find and invite him to Zion Pentecostal Faith Church. Eventually, Alfonza began attending services at Zion Pentecostal Faith Church, where he was “Saved” and became the God-Son of Mother Brown. Alfonza was a faithful servant of Zion and served as an Usher, Deacon and Painter.

Alfonza enjoyed spending time with his family, talking with friends at local coffee shops and fellowshiping with the “Saints” of Zion.

In 2002, Alfonza retired from Selecto Flash and Daughter’s of Israel in West Orange, New Jersey and later relocated to Brandywine, Maryland.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife, Birtha Mae Jackson of Brandywine, Maryland; four daughters, one son and one daughter-in-law, Della Reese Jackson, of Laurel, Maryland, Kimberly Denise Jackson, of Orange, New Jersey, Ruth L. Jackson, of Brandywine, Maryland, Verdelle Jackson of Orange, New Jersey and Alfonza Jackson, Jr. (Stacia) of Huntersville, North Carolina; four grandchildren, Travis I. Jackson, Alexis B. Mercer, Dayne McIndoe and Evan A. Jackson; two sisters, Exie Lee Walker of Montgomery, Alabama and Annie-Ruth Oliver (Clemmon) of New Hyde Park, New York; a brother, Roosevelt Jackson of Montgomery, Alabama; a brother-in-law, Jessie Williams (Pearl) of Hartford, Alabama; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Seating of The Family.....The Funeral Director

Hymn of Comfort

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Solo

Remarks (limit to 2 minutes)

Acknowledgements and Obituary

Solo

Eulogy.....Rev. Bobby Smith

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Committal



Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown



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