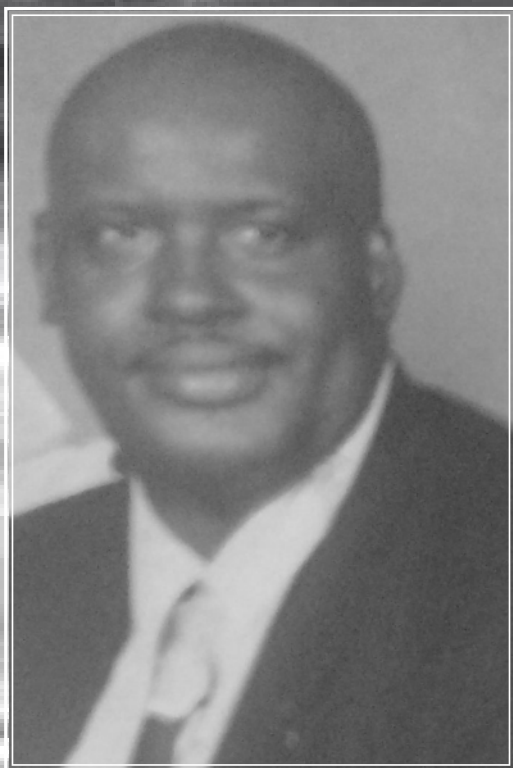


In Loving Memory of



Daniel D. Branch

Sunrise

July 25, 1950

Sunset

January 14, 2015

Service

Friday, January 23, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Perry Funeral Home

34 Mercer Street • Newark, New Jersey 07103

Reverend Lester Wormley, Officiating

Timothy Rawls, Organist

Obituary

Daniel D. Branch was born July 25, 1950. He was raised by his grandmother, Mrs. Viola Branch. Daniel's biological mother, Mrs. Jessie Mae Cross, his brother Tony Cross and his grandmother, Mrs. Viola Branch, preceded him in death.

Daniel was called "Dan" or "Tweety Bird", a name given to him by his peers, family and close friends. He graduated Central High School in Newark, N.J. in 1969. He graduated from Wilmington College in 1974. He was All City, All County, and All State as a basketball player. He was drafted by The Philadelphia 76'ers, but unable to play due to a knee injury. Dan went to play in Switzerland for one year. He later returned to the United States.

Daniel went on to pursue his career as a State Police Officer after returning to the states. He worked at UMDNJ for twenty years before he retired. Again, a man that had to move, he began working for security at Schering-Plough Corporation.

Daniel became ill in February of 2008 and could no longer work. His wife (his beloved as he called her), Rhonda, his Angel, took care of him at home where he left this journey. She had made surprise preparations for their 23rd Wedding Anniversary. In the twinkling of an eye, God came and took Daniel home.

Daniel D. Branch departed this life on January 14, 2015.

Daniel leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife, Rhonda Branch; his children, Andre Springer Sr., Curtis Artis Branch, William Sean Branch and Dane Delancey Branch; ten grandchildren; his sisters and brothers, Shirley Mae Hill, Gloria Jean Smith, Diana Cross, Lynette Cross Mack, Michael Cross, Lynn Cross, Larry Ferguson and Cathy Blount; one aunt, Daisy Colbert; his mother-in-law, Helen V. Dougherty; one special niece, DiJuanna Turk; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Poem

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

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 peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, 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 savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too 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!*

-author unknown

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*The family of **Daniel D. Branch** wish to express our deepest appreciation for the love, concern, and kindness that has been extended to us during our time of bereavement.*

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