Gelebration for the Life of

Luther Hendley

"Big Luke"

Sunrise November 8, 1939

Sunset January 26, 2015

Monday, February 9, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME 256 Rosa Parks Blvd. Paterson, New Jersey

Reflections of Life



**Luther "Big Luke" Hendley** was born November 8, 1939 in Rochelle, Georgia to the late Rubin Hendley and Christine (Griffin) Hendley.

Luther Hendley also known as "Big Luke" to family and friends, grew up in Rochelle, Georgia where he was educated in the Wilcox County Public School System before his new journey began in Paterson, New Jersey in the early sixties. Luke's favorite pastime, was baseball with Sand Lock Baseball League. The name of his team was called the Paterson Pirates where played right field with his brother Joe as pitcher and his brother Nelson as catcher.

Luther was employed by Kaplan Cleaners until retirement age. He lived his life in his own way not

caring about what people said about him; He was a sharp dresser with a sharp tongue! But he was a man that loved his family, especially his nieces and nephews and had nicknames for all of them but there are too many names to list! He had a special love for his youngest brother, Nelson Hendley, Sr. whom he would always call on when he was sick or to come with him to a doctor's appointment. He also had a special bond with his best friend "Mitch" whom was there to help him in need.

Luther was a faithful member of Reformed Church of God in Paterson, NJ and it was then he started making **some** good changes in his life. His loved worshiping with his church family and singing but most of all he loved hearing Minister Frances Tann sing: "What A Wonderful God He Is". Luke's exterior did not define his soul, for he had a kind heart and was loved by his family and close friends and also church family.

Luther Hendley was called home on Monday, January 26, 2015. He was predeceased by parents by his parents, Ruben and Christine (Griffin) Hendley; two sisters, Alberta Giles and Annie Hendley; and one brother Clarence (Joe) Hendley.

Luther is survived by: one daughter, Linda Hendley (whom he affectionately called Baby Girl); three sons, Luther Hendley, Jr. of Paterson, NJ, Andre Jones of Paterson, NJ and Joseph Jenkins of Alabama: two brothers, Charles Hendley of Passaic NJ, Nelson D. Hendley, Sr. of Paterson, NJ; two sisters-in-law, Betty (Nelson) Hendley of Paterson, NJ and Marie (Clarence) Hendley of Clifton, NJ; Also left to cherish his loving grandchildren, memorv are а host of great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude Organist

#### **Prayer of Comfort**

Scripture Readings Old Testament - Corinthians 15:51-58 New Testament - Job 121:20-21

> Solo Minister Frances Tann

Remarks Two Minutes Please

### Acknowledgment and Reflections of Life

Family Remarks Nelson Hendley

Solo Christine Hendley

Eulogy Minister Frances Tann

# Benediction

#### Recessional

# Interment

Arlington Cemetery Kearny, New Jersey It broke my heart to lose you But you didn't go alone For part of me went with you The day God took you home

Things will never be the same And all though it hurt so bad I will smile whenever I hear your name And be proud you were my Dad.

> From your babygirl, Linda Hendley

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Luther Hendley** 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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