

Home Going Service
Celebrating the Life of God's Angel

Mr. Bobby Durant-Gadsden

Sunrise

April 23, 1956

Sunset

February 16, 2015



Service

Monday, February 23, 2015

Viewing: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Funeral: 1:00 PM

ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

283 South Orange Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

Reverend Dr. Lloyd P. Terrell, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude

ProcessionalClergy & Family

Opening Hymn..... Mr. Emory Lee

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort..... Reverend Patrick Council

Solo..... Mr. Emory Lee

Words of RemembranceFamily & Friends

Obituary & Acknowledgements..... Mrs. Bertha Freeman

Family Words of Comfort..... Reverend Mattie Council

Solo..... Mr. Emory Lee

Eulogy..... Reverend Dr. Lloyd Terrell

Final Viewing

Recessional



Interment
Fairmount Cemetery • Newark, New Jersey

Repast
Saint Matthews United Methodist Church

Obituary

Mr. Bobby Durant-Gadsden was born to the late Alice Durant and Willie Elmore on April 23, 1956 in Allendale, South Carolina. He departed this life on February 16, 2015 at East Orange General Hospital in East Orange, NJ.

Bobby attended West Side High School and graduated with high honors. Bobby joined the track team while attending West Side High School. In 1974 the team won the city championship in *Track & Field*. Bobby was awarded a gold medal for being the fastest runner on the team.

Bobby was united in Holy Matrimony with Mrs. Sharon Gadsden on June 13, 2009. He loved and cherished her until his death.

Bobby joined St. Matthews United Methodist Church and was a faithful member. He was employed as a postal worker for many years in Kearny, New Jersey. Bobby's favorite NFL football team was the New York Giants and he loved to see his team win a game. He was very happy when the NY Giants won their first Super Bowl. Bobby really enjoyed life and being around family and friends. He loved making them all laugh.

Bobby was preceded in death by his sister, Mae Frances Elmore, and his brothers, Ronald Elmore and Ernest Elmore.

Bobby Durant-Gadsden leaves to cherish his memories: his beloved wife, Sharon Gadsden; two daughters, Marlena Grider and Dashanda Grider; one son, David; four sisters, Jeanette Little, Ethel Devoe, Willie Mae Williams and Linda Hoover; four brothers, Captain Jasper Durant, Willie Durant, Linwood Elmore and Roger Hoover; four sisters-in-law, Sharon Durant, Shanda Elmore, Evelyn Durant and Barbara Grant; four grandchildren and one great grandchild; along with extended loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who join the family in sharing their deepest sympathy. He also leaves behind his best friends, Scotty, Sal and Julio. Special thanks to Dale (Nana), Ruth, Gloria, Ann and Officer Sharon Reid for their sympathy and prayers.

“We Love You Bobby!” ~ The Entire Durant-Gadsden Family

A special thanks to Sister Barbara Williams and Larmisha Phillips for your loving and devoted caring for our beloved brother. ~ **Sisters & Brothers**

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid, you see.

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've now found peace at the end of day.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joys.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; oh yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow look for the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much; good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seems all too brief; don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and peace to thee, God wanted me now-

He set me free!



~In Appreciation~

We, the family of the late

Bobby Durant-Gadsden,

would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers and whatever part you played to help ease our pain. Your support for us has been a Blessing during this difficult time. May God continue to bless you.

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