

A portrait of an elderly African American man with a white beard, wearing a dark tuxedo and a blue bow tie. A red rose is pinned to his lapel. The background is a bright blue sky with a sunburst effect behind his head.

*In Loving Memory of*

Sunrise  
September 23, 1951

Sunset  
April 20, 2015

*Sammy Thompson*

Service

*Tuesday, April 28, 2015 - 12:00 Noon*

**Whigham Funeral Home**  
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey

## Obituary

**Sammy Thompson** was born on September 23, 1951 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Finnie Dell Thompson and the late Sammie Gunn. Sammy was a member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. Sammy was educated in the Newark Public School System. Succeeding school Sammy attained his CDL license and continued in the trade of the trucking business locally.

Sammy then met the late Katherine Ann Pugh in Newark, New Jersey, where they united in the births of Dwayne Pugh, Dana Pugh, and Shenal Pugh-Chambers. Years later, Sammy would meet and remain committed to the late Janet (Sally) M. Mayes in Newark, New Jersey. The two united in the birth of Samal Mayes and became a blended family. In addition to the above three children are Charlie Wilkerson, Alchane Mayes, Rahshan Mayes, Rahsheeda Mayes, Tanisha Mayes, Lenwood Thompson, and Rahnisha Mayes.

Sammy was employed as a Local Truck Driver with the City of Newark, New Jersey for several years before gaining employment with NimCo Shredding Trucking Company. Sammy preferred to drive locally saying, "I need to be close to my children." He occasionally took long distance hauls with his brothers Buddy and Lenwood, Uncle Lee Jr. and Cousin Donald.

Sammy loved and enjoyed being around his family, it gave him the highest pleasure. He was a man of pride. Sammy was a dedicated Man, Father, Son, Brother, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, and Friend, he was a great provider for his children and grandchildren. Sammy was a generous Man. He enjoyed fishing and cookouts with the family. When he relaxed in the comforts of his home he loved to watch cowboy, military movies, black and white movies, comedy shows along with the history channel, he also liked to listen to music; one of his favorite songs was "My Girl" by the Temptations. He also enjoyed cooking, one of his specialties was turkey wings, cabbage, and rice. Moreover, he loved his snacks (apple pies, snickers and hard candy).

Sammy leaves behind: step-mother, Thelma Gunn; two brothers, Lenwood Thompson and Maurice Gunn; four sisters, Dorothy Clair, Lena Lowe, Loren Gunn and Latona Gunn; two aunts, Edna Thompson and Gladys Thompson; thirty-nine grandchildren, one son-in-law, Larry Chambers; two daughters-in-law, LaTerra Sumner and Nikki Goodman, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Sammy is predeceased in death by his two brothers, Robert (Buddy) Thompson and Dwayne Gunn; three sisters, Gail Thompson, Patricia Thompson and Sandra Drayton; one aunt, Winnie Thompson; one uncle, Lee Thompson Jr.; one great grandson, Namiir Tucker, and one son-in-law, Dwayne Reeves.

## *Order of Service*

Invocation

Music Selection

Scripture ..... Reverend Rodney Brooks

Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Rodney Brooks

Poem ..... Jasmeen Wilson

Acknowledgments and Obituary ..... Darnell Thompson

Remarks

Poem ..... Taja Mayes

Eulogy ..... Reverend Rodney Brooks

Benediction

Recessional

### **Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey 07036



### *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

Professional Services by:  
**Whigham Funeral Home**

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Newark, New Jersey 07102

973-622-6872

*Carolyn Whigham, Director*

