

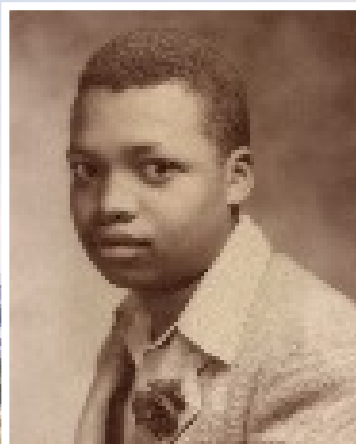
Celebration of Life for



Theodore Bragg

Sunrise
July 15, 1930

Sunset
September 3, 2015



Reflections of Life

Theodore Bragg, fifth child of the late William Atlas and Jannie Irene Bragg, was born July 15, 1930 on Hunterton Street in Newark, New Jersey. At the tender age of 2, the family packed their bags and relocated to 390 E. 9th Avenue, Roselle. After his siblings were all grown up, William and Irene moved one last time when Theodore was 17 to 718 Walnut Street, Roselle where they spent many happy years celebrating numerous holidays with their extended family.

Theodore attended the Roselle School System, graduating from Abraham Clark High School in 1948. While in high school, he joined the marching band and played the big bass drum. Following graduation, he and his neighborhood classmates remained a close knit group and became known as the "48'ers", which still exists after 67 years.

Theodore received his Christian education at an early age at the First Baptist Church of Linden, which was located at the corner of Lincoln Street and Cleveland Ave, Linden. There he first met the love of his life, Merlin Louise Starke (ages 14 & 13). In 1950, Theodore enlisted in the United States Army. After completing basic training, he served 19 months at Fort Benning, Georgia and 7 months overseas in the south of France. He was honorably discharged on March 12, 1953.

Theodore and Merlin married on January 12, 1952. They became parents to Richard Darryl, William Russell and Cheryl Ann. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. In 1956, "Teddy" was employed by the Roselle Board of Education as a custodian. During his employment, he encouraged the lives of many students and was a friend to many teachers. He retired in 1991, having completed

36 years of service. In 1968, the Board of Trustees of Second Baptist Church of Roselle hired him as a temporary church sexton until a permanent sexton could be secured. The “temporary” position lasted 39 years. Theodore took great pride in his work.

Besides his love for his family, Theodore’s other great love was fishing. He enjoyed taking his children and grandchildren to various ponds and lakes throughout the local area. He also enjoyed spending his weekends shopping at as many flea markets as he could find. When he was no longer able to fish, his hobby became collecting fishing equipment and licenses from at least two-thirds of the United States.

He was predeceased by his sister, Estelle Bryant, 2 brothers, Albert Leroy and Frank Livingston and grandson, Kenneth Portlock.

Theodore peacefully went into the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on September 3, 2015.

His memories will be cherished by: his wife of 63 years, Merlin; 2 sons, Richard (Faith), William (Kathy); 1 daughter, Cheryl (Jacqueline); 5 grandchildren, Topaz Portlock, Rashan Bragg, William R. Bragg II, Roger Bernardo, Jr. and Dana Bernardo; 5 great-grandchildren, Jaila, Jah’Asia, Jalissa, Jordanne and Messiah; 1 brother, William Randolph (Elizabeth); in-laws, Lydia Reaves, Ellan Bragg, Wilhelmina and Frederick Gallaway; God-daughter, Lori Sexton; along with many nephews, nieces, friends and very special friend, Generive Baxter.

*We wanted you to stay
But the Lord God had His way
Our love for you will always be in our hearts,
Even though we are apart.*

With Loving Hearts Always and Forever
The Family

Friday, September 11, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

200 Locust Street

Roselle, New Jersey

Rev. James E. Moore, Sr., Officiating

Order of Service

Musical Prelude..... Mr. Vincent Jeffrey

Processional

Parting View

Opening Hymn.....“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Wayne Johnson

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 23Rev. Michael Tyree

New Testament - Revelations 21:3-6 ..Rev. Edward Mack

Solo..... “I Trust In God”Mrs. Evonne Tyree

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Kevin E. Taylor

Reflections Miss Dorothy Mayner
Miss Lori Sexton

Acknowledgements & Condolences

Musical Tribute.....Mahalia Jackson

Eulogy.....Rev. James E. Moore, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey



Good Afternoon

Good Evening

and Good Night!

I Love you All,

Catfish

Pall Bearers

Leonard Bryant

Frank Bragg

Joseph Bouhadie

Roger Bernardo, Jr.

Kraig Bragg

Fitzgerald Silvera, Jr.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Theodore Bragg** 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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