

Gone Fishing

Sunrise October 19, 1948

Sunset April 26, 2010

Saturday, May 8, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church

88 Lyons Ave. Newark, New Jersey

Rev. John McClain, Officiating

## <u>Obituary</u>

*Willie Booker* also known as "Bill" or "Booker" was born on October 19, 1948 to the late Eddie Thomas and Margaret Booker in Newark, New Jersey. He was the oldest of eleven children.

Willie Booker attended Newark Public School system. He served a short time in the U.S. Army. He returned to Newark where he met and married, Elizabeth Crank to this union one son, Maurice Booker was born. He went on to further his education receiving his Bachelor's Degree and his Doctorate's Degree. He joined the Newark Fire Department in 1991, where he received two awards for saving two children's lives before retiring in July 2009.

He loved to fish and take trips to Florida with his family. He was a jack of all trades. He loved interior decorating. Willie was a very loving person, he would give you the shirt off his back. Willie was always a mediator and a big brother to everyone. When he became ill he still had the strength to get around to be around family and friends. He loved his Jazz music and eating peanuts. To know him was to love him.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Elizabeth Booker, father, Eddie Thomas, sister, Patricia Bryant and his brother, Richard Bryant, Jr.

He leaves to mourn: his son, Maurice Booker; mother, Margaret Bryant; sisters, Joann Carter, Mary Bryant, Michelle Dell and Charlene Williams and Sylvia Thomas; brothers, Clifford Booker; Wardell, Samuel, Lamonte Bryant, Eddie Lee, Daryl and Keith Thomas; aunts, Eura Lee Smith, Leola Robinson, Minnie Thomas and Geraldine Roundtree; stepfather, Richard Bryant, Sr.; grandchildren; Rahkeem, Samad, Kenya and Alnisa Booker; and host of nieces, nephews; special cousins, Ronnie Booker & his wife and Joe Mathis; special friend, Walter Lee and friends who truly miss you.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Organ Prelude

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading Old Testament Lamont Bryant New Testament Jasper Dell
Solo Man of God
Obituary Reading
Solo Helen Booker
Acknowledgements & Remarks (2 minutes please)
Solo Charles Barnes
Eulogy Rev. John McClain

Recessional

## Interment

Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey



Our family circle has been broken link has gone from our chain; But though we are parted for a while, We know we will meet again. Sometimes it's hard to understand why certain things must be, but there is a reason for it all, beyond our power to see. The cover of life's book is closed for one we loved so well; But the loving deeds of by-gone days are what the pages tell. The blow was hard, the shock severe; We never thought your death was so near. But only those who have lost can tell The pain of parting without farewell.

-Author unknown

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