



*Sunrise*

November 14, 1923

*Sunset*

June 2, 2010

In Loving Memory of

*Deacon Willie Sweet*

Service

Saturday, June 12, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

**MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

187 Pearl Street

Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Betty Montgomery, Pastor*

*Cody Best, Organist*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Deacon Willie Sweet** was born on November 14, 1923 in Bishopville, South Carolina to the late Mack Sweet and Maybelle (Bowman) Sweet.

Willie grew up with and married his childhood friend and sweetheart, Serlina Young. They were married for sixty-one years.

At the age of twenty-one he joined the U.S. Armed Forces.

Willie and Serlina Sweet moved their family to Paterson in 1951. During his lifetime Willie Sweet was employed as a construction laborer for sixty-one years. He was a member of Laborers Union Local # 595. He also served on the Board of Model Cities of Paterson. He was a longtime member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Paterson. He united under the leadership of the late Rev. O.B. Truesdale, when the church was located on Governor Street. During his years of service he served as a Sunday School Teacher, and member and Chairman of the Deacon and Trustee Boards. He was a faithful considerate servant of God.

On June 2, 2010 he quietly passed away at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson, NJ.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Serlina Sweet; sons, Leon, James, and Willie Sweet, Jr., and Mack Rembert; parents, Mack and Maybelle Bowman Sweet; sisters, Pearl and Katherine Solomon; brother Blees Solomon; brothers-in-law, Henry and Louis Young; sisters-in-law, Pearline Stuckey, Lear Williams, Ollie McCloud and Evelina Young.

He leaves to cherish fond memories of him: three daughters, Ann Sweet, Shirley Sweet and Jeanette King; three sons Samuel Sweet, Codell Sweet, and Alphonso Rembert; seventeen grandchildren, thirty-two great grandchildren, and twenty four great-great grands.

## *Order of Service*

*Organ Prelude* ..... *Cody Best*

*Hymn*

*Scripture Readings*  
*Old Testament*  
*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*  
*& Reflections of Life*

*Remarks*

*Selection*

*Eulogy* ..... *Pastor Betty Montgomery*

*Recessional*



### **Final Disposition**

*Laurel Grove Crematory*  
*Totowa, New Jersey*

### **Pallbearers**

Joseph King

Tobias Gailes

Jatavious King

Jaja Strawbridge

Dwayne Sweet

Julian Cunningham

### *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.*

*My loved ones, oh so dear.*

*But you see, the Master called me,*

*His voice was very clear!*

*I had made my reservation*

*A heaven bound ticket for one,*

*And I knew that He would call me*

*When He felt my work was done.*

*I know that your hearts are heavy*

*Because I have gone away,*

*But when the Master called me,*

*I knew that I could not stay.*

*Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you*

*My loved ones, oh so dear,*

*But, you see, the Master called me*

*And, now I'm resting here.*

*Yes, I've crossed on over to glory*

*And to you all I say*

*Just stay in the hands of Jesus*

*And we'll meet again someday.*

*-Author unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

*God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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