

In Loving Memory Of



James Reginald Vaughan

"Bill"

*Sunrise
June 28, 1944*

*Sunset
July 18, 2017*

Services

Saturday, July 22, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

The Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church

88 Lyons Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07112

Presiding Officiant - Evangelist Doris Mincey

The Officiant - Rev. Dr. Allen S. Potts

Life and Legacy

James Reginald Vaughan affectionately known as “Bill” was born in Henderson, North Carolina on June 28, 1944 to the late John Haywood Vaughan and Frances Vaughan.

As a child, Bill enjoyed hanging out with his older brother John and his cousins Richard Jr., David, Sammy and George A. He enjoyed playing ball, boxing in the gym, working on cars, listening to biblical cd's and harmonizing with his friends.

Bill graduated from the Henderson Institute in Henderson, North Carolina in 1962. After graduating from high School, he moved to New Jersey to be with his family to work as a mechanic in his father's auto repair shop. Shortly after, he enrolled in Lincoln Technical School where he received his certification in Automotive Engineering.

In 1964, Bill met the love of his life Mary Ann Smith. In less than a year, on May 1, 1965 they united as husband and wife. Mary and Bill enjoyed spending their days together vacationing and cherishing their family time. Their home was a place where many people often visited and some would even call it home themselves.

Brother Bill loved his sisters and brother. He especially enjoyed family bar-b-ques, playing his pick-it's, scratch-offs and spending Saturday nights with his wife at the racetrack. Bill will truly be missed for his candor, laughter and his warmth. Even when you would tick him off, he had a way of turning every situation into a joke... Because everybody loved Uncle Bill!!!

Bill worked over twenty-five years as a Steelworker for Harrison Alloys. After his retirement, he briefly worked as a Security Guard for the Irvington Public School System. In his later years, Bill spent his free time working in his yard doing his best to make it “the prettiest house on the block”. Bill really loved his family, calling his sisters every single day was a must! He loved his nieces and nephews as if they were his own, giving each of them nicknames the family continues to use. He made his wife his priority, his "MaryAnn". He faithfully looked forward to lecturing his oldest daughter for hours and laughing on the phone. He loved to dish out orders to his son, and often teased him about being so book smart! The apple of his eye was his "Boo-Boo", his "Rabbit". Nothing was too good for his baby girl. He loved his neighborhood community just like family. Bill will be sorely missed by all.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Mary Ann, his daughters, Cheryl Gillison, and Melanie Vaughan, son, Nurideen (Ken) Abdul-Baasit, sisters, Mrs. Mary Pace (Clarence d.), Mrs. Edna Gillette (Rueben d.), Mrs. Frances Barnes (Jerry), Mrs. Denise Richards (Lauchland d.), and brother, John Vaughan. He also leaves behind sisters-in-law, Carol Smith (Ralph), Evelyn Tyson (James), and Alice Jones. Cherishing his role as grandfather, he leaves seven granddaughters, Latisha, Anisah, Sufiyyah, Musaaliha, Muttaqinah, Mushaheedah, and Jasmine, one grandson, Mujaahid, and one great granddaughter, Sanaa and a special great niece, Kariah. Bill also leaves a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional Rev. Dr. Allen S. Potts, Clergy and The Family

Hymn of Celebration “Blessed Assurance”

The Holy Scripture Readings
Old Testament-Psalm 37: 23-25
New Testament- John 21:15-17

Prayer of Comfort Deacon William Earl Smith

Musical Selection Mrs. Courtney Terry-Lewis

Acknowledgements Miss Ravenne Gillett

Resolution Miss Ravenne Gillett

Reading of the Obituary Tawanda Timmons

Expression from the Heart(Please keep the remarks under 2 minutes)
Granddaughter - Jasmine Chandler
Cousin - Rev. David Vaughan

The Sermonic Selection..... Bro. Derrick Whycte

The Eulogy..... Rev. Dr. Allen S. Potts

The Recessional

Committal and Interment
Graceland Memorial Park
1900 Gallopinghill Road
Kenilworth, New Jersey 07107



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
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 found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

Acknowledgement

We the Vaughan 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.

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