

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF
Ralph Rawls



Sunrise:
June 11, 1931

Sunset:
August 4, 2017

Service:

Saturday, August 12, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

SAINT PAULS LIFE CENTER
335 Badger St. • Newark, New Jersey
Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr., Officiating

Obituary

Ralph Rawls was born June 11, 1931 in Abbeville, Georgia to the late Rafe and Lucille Rawls.

Ralph left home at an early age and moved to Chicago, Illinois.

There he worked in the baking industry.

Ralph relocated to Newark, NJ in 1955. It was there he met the love of his life, his wife – the late Theola Rawls. (1956) What a twosome!!

He was employed as a construction worker until he suffered the loss of his right hand as a result of an accident on the job which forced him to retire.

Ralph made no bones about his love of good ole' Gospel music and could be found in the midst of the crowd during the various music and song fellowships held at St. Paul.

He loved oranges and was a regularly supporter of St. Paul's annual fruit drive.

His failing health prevented him from taking his daily walks through the neighborhood.

Ralph took pride in being visited various family members. During his stays in the hospital or nursing home; it was a known fact that he would wait for bishop Rawls to bring him his favorite treat: Nabisco Graham Crackers. He looked forward to devouring his sister's home cooked meals when they were in town.

Ralph had three (3) daughters: Yvonne, Jeanette, Delores (deceased) and one son: David. He often made mention of his appreciation toward his son for caring for him through the thick and the thin.

Ralph possessed a quiet yet proud spirit. In addition to his beloved Theola, other loved ones who preceded him in death are: Daughter and Son-in-law: Delores and Robert Tuttle; Grandson: Rashid; 3 brothers: Roddy, Tedious, Arthur Dean; and Sister: Betty J. Young.

Although Ralph has made his earthly transition gone from our presence - he shall never be forgotten by: Devoted and Loving Son: David (Maria); Brothers: Bobby (Sarah L/ deceased); Fred (Creola); Hilton (Amanda); Milton (Carla); Sisters: Doris Miles (Robert/ deceased); Jeanette Mowbray (Leroy); and a host of grands, great grands, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

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!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family 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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