



*Celebrating The Life of*  
**Arthur Thomas Howell**

*Sunrise*  
*January 23, 1942*

*Sunset*  
*November 7, 2017*

*Saturday, November 18, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.*

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

**Rev. Anthony Cureton, Officiating**

# *Reflections of Life*

On the evening of November 7th, 2017, **Arthur Thomas Howell**, also known as "JIMMY" passed away peacefully and went Home to the Lord. His final days were spent with his family and loved ones.

Jimmy was born to Jervie Sr. Howell and Josephine Bonaparte on January 23rd, 1942 in St. Matthews, South Carolina.

From early on, Jimmy was known for collecting things, even well into his adulthood. As a child, they used to cut out the pockets of his pants to keep him from collecting things on his way home from school. Jimmy enjoyed doing so many things. He loved driving, and at the age of 15 drove the school bus for the elementary children before he went to school. Jimmy loved his family, friends and eating soul food. During his life, Jimmy had many occupations; He was a mechanic, carpenter and entrepreneur.

He was educated in the public schools of St. Matthews, South Carolina and attended John Ford High School where he graduated in June 1960. He was on the football team, played baseball, softball and was an avid sports fan.

Jimmy was also a veteran who served for the United States Army, where he was honorably discharged. He earned the National Defense Service Medal and was known for his expertise in riflery.

Jimmy settled in the Lower East Side of Manhattan, New York City in the late 1960's, but also had a host of family and business ties in the Paterson community. Jimmy became the owner of the well known "Towers Lounge" Bar on West Broadway in Downtown Paterson, NJ, originally owned by his Uncle Captain "Bones" Bonaparte.

Jimmy also had many occupations and worked as a toll booth clerk for the Tri-Boro, NY Bridge & Tunnel Authority, New York City Housing Authority and retired as a bus driver after 25 years for the New York City Transit Authority.

Jimmy had a passion for fixing things and loved repairing cars. If it was broken, Jimmy would fix it. Jimmy had an outgoing personality and knew many people from all over the country, with a special love for the St. Matthews and Paterson communities. Jimmy loved music and also had an extensive music collection from Oldies like the Delfonics to new contemporary R & B music like Rihanna and Drake.

Jimmy is survived by his wife Therese Howell, his sister Maggie "Joanne" Bellamy, his brother Clemon Howell, aunt Goldie Bonaparte, children and host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Calvin "Marvin" Howell, his sister Annie Mae Tyler and older brother Jervie Jr. Howell.

Jimmy would like you to know that his job here was done but wants everyone to remember the good times with him and his smile. Please keep his love alive by respecting and caring for one another and always cherish your family for our life and time here is so short.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. Anthony Cureton

Recessional

## **Interment**

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey

# 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 wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to our family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless & Keep you, and Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

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