



Celebrating the Life & Legacy
Of

Sanford Ogletree

Sunrise
November 1, 1944

Sunset
July 11, 2019



Service:

Thursday, July 18, 2019 - 12:00 Noon

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

143 Myrtle Avenue

Passaic, New Jersey

Minister Marshal Griffin, Officiating



Reflections of Life

Sanford Ogletree affectionately known as “Vamp” was born in Forsyth, Georgia to the late Earline Ogletree and Elmore Freeman. The oldest of eight children, Sanford moved to New Jersey residing in Paterson and later Passaic. He attended the area schools in Passaic County until his enlistment in the Army in 1968 from which he received an honorable discharge.

He was retired from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in Trenton where he worked for many years. He was employed as a Building Inspector for Multiple Dwellings. Prior to retirement he was promoted to a Supervisor. Sanford started his career as a Cost Estimator for the City of Passaic.

In his younger years Sanford loved to play basketball. He enjoyed watching sports, cowboy movies, the news, the stock market, rolling dice at the casino and vacationing in Miami, Florida. Sanford enjoyed spur of the moment rides down the shore even just to get a slice of pizza and to people watch on the boardwalk. He knew a lot about history and was able to craft a story that would just “reel you in.” It wasn’t uncommon to hear any story once, twice or even a third time. He would say, “Oh, did I tell you that story already?” We all heard it before, but would continue to let him tell it, because he would still make us laugh. He was a good conversationalist and the life of the party!

Sanford was also preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Luttie W. Ogletree, brothers Irving Henderson, Ernie Hughes and Robert Ogletree, father-in-law James Chalmers and sister-in-law Robin Chalmers.

Sanford will always be remembered as a passionate storyteller and his memory will live on in the heartfelt words of future storytellers fortunate to have known him.

Sanford loved family gatherings and especially barbecues at his daughter’s house where he basked in the presence of family members, notably his wife of 43 years Vernita Ogletree, son Sanford Ogletree Jr., daughter Shekina Chalmers-Zambrano, grandson Wesley Zambrano and son in law Christopher Zambrano. When he was on the phone with his daughter the first thing he would ask was “Where is Wesley?” Also left to cherish the memory of Sanford are his two sisters Elaine Henderson of Paterson and Avery Byrd of Texas, two brothers Henry Clavon Byrd and Michael Ogletree of Paterson, mother-in-law Nettie Chalmers, sisters-in-law Rosemary Griggs Ogletree, Ardena Byrd, Gloria Chalmers-Fleming, Karen Singh, Shelida Griffin, brothers-in-law Kenneth Chalmers, James Chalmers Jr. and a special cousin Virginia Abrams as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.

Order of Service

- Selection “Victory Is Mine”
- Old Testament - Psalms 23 Aisha Chalmers
- New Testament - 2nd Timothy 4:6-8 Gloria Chalmers-Fleming
- Prayer of Comfort Rev. Anthony Cureton
Bragg Funeral Home Staff
- Musical Selection
- Words of Reflection(Limit to 2 minutes)
- Acknowledgements and Reflections of Life.... Rashida Chalmers-Rozier
- Solo J’Mar Grayson
- Eulogy..... Minister Marshal E. Griffin
Agape International COGIC, Knightdale, NC
- Mortician’s BriefBragg Funeral Home Associates
- Recessional Clergy and Family Members



Interment

Cedar Lawn Cemetery
Rt. 20 and McLean Blvd.
Paterson, New Jersey

A Time To Remember

*He was a jolly man of size and stature,
full of fun and of laughter.*

*Not enough time to laugh with him still,
after every drawn out story,
after every tough hill.*

*Not enough time to prepare a last bite to eat,
only then to have to help him out of his seat.*

*Not enough time for one last trip to AC,
even cancer hasn't prepared us for this, you see.*

*Not enough time here to walk with this man,
who taught me to be the person I am.*

*Not long enough I repeat to his wife,
while I thank them both for a wonderful life.*

*Of all the walks I've taken in life,
ones as a girl and now as a wife,
I'll remember a walk I took with my father,
and always will wish it could have been longer.
I'll miss you Daddy.*

Shekina Chalmers-Zambrano

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Sanford Ogletree wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during this our time of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!

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