

*Celebration of Life*  
*for*



*Billy J. Hansford, Sr.*

Sunrise  
January 6, 1952

Sunset  
August 19, 2019

Friday, August 23, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

**MT. PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

163 Autumn St, Passaic, NJ 07055

**Reverend Louis McDowell, Officiating**

**Dr. Mark Exum, Organist**

## *Reflections of Life*

The Heavenly Father opened the gates of heaven to receive his son **Billy Hansford** on Monday, August 19, 2019. Brother Billy Hansford was born on January 6, 1952 to the late Willie Hansford Sr. and Mary Hansford in Forsyth, Georgia.

He relocated to Paterson, NJ in 1957 along with his parents, brothers and sisters. He received his education in the Paterson Public School system. In 1993, Billy began working as a cook at a few locations where he was employed for over 20 years.

Billy Hansford loved his family, if you needed him he was there! He was kind, loving with a beautiful sense of humor however he was also firm! He expressed the love of the Lord in character and deed. He loved to have to family gatherings where he would display his cooking skills.

Billy Hansford rededicated his life to the Lord and was a long time member to the Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church of Passaic. He served as a member of the Male Chorus and Men's Ministry.

He preceded in death by his siblings Julia Stewart, Margie Thurmond, Willie Hansford Jr., Cornelious Hanford, Hilton Hansford and Mary Etta Hammond.

He leaves to cherish fond memories his sons Gerald Hansford, Darrell Myers, Ronshawn Myers, Kiyaun Hansford, Billy Hansford Jr., Javon Hansford. Daughters-in-law Kelly, Dawn, Johneise and Emelinda Hansford. Siblings, Johnny Hansford (wife Donna), Shirley (Hansford) Ross (husband Allen), Grover "Red" Hansford, Arthur "Jack" Hansford and Rosa "Rose" Calhoun. He is also survived by a devoted granddaughter Tinisha Hansford, a devoted friend Renee Mack, as well as nineteen grandchildren and a multitude of great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and family members.

# Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Dr. Mark Exum

OPENING HYMN ..... “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand” No. 248

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT (Psalm 23)

NEW TESTAMENT (John 14:1-6)

PRAYER OF COMFORT .....Clergy

SELECTION ..... Mt. Pilgrim Combined Choir

WORDS OF COMFORT .... Brother Roosevelt Powell – Male Chorus  
Deacon Richard Gartley – Men’s Ministry  
Deacon Michael Veal – Deacon Board  
Clergy

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, RESOLUTION  
and REFLECTIONS OF LIFE..... Rita Sallie

SELECTION ..... Mt. Pilgrim Combined Choir

EULOGY ..... Pastor W. Louis McDowell  
Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church  
Passaic, New Jersey

RECESSIONAL ..... The Family

### **Interment**

*Saturday, August 24, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.*

George Washington Memorial Park

235 Paramus Rd.

Paramus, New Jersey

# Heaven Has Gained An Angel

*As you complete this temporary  
journey you have embraced our hearts*

*Yes we mourn but realize this is where your life truly starts your smile sparkled greater than silver and gold We're willing to let go of your hand so that God can grab hold . We will always love you as you have continued to love us all we ask now is that you look down while you are above us we are grateful that God put us in the midst of your presence we breathe with your memory and walk with your essence. The Lord is our Shepherd He tends to us as sheep and mends the hearts that are weak until one day we can shake his hand and sit at his feet we don't think of you as a loss to our family that remains We cherish you as a beautiful angel that heaven has gained!*

*-Author unknown*

## Acknowledgement

The family of the late Billy J. Hansford, Sr. 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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