

Home Going Celebration
For



Robert Battle

February 7, 1944 - August 22, 2019

Friday, September 6, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Delaware Baptist Church

493 Beverly Rancocus Road, Willingboro, NJ 08046

Reverend James L. Betner, Pastor

Reverend Valerie Marshman, Eulogist



T'll Be With You Always

*To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

-Author unknown



Reflections of Life

Robert “Mickey” Battle, age 75, unexpectedly left this life in an untimely death in Conyers, Georgia on August 22, 2019. He was born on February 7, 1944 in Jersey City, New Jersey to the late Mae Queen Battle and Sidney Singleton. He was the youngest of three children. He spent most of his youth in Jersey City where most of his family still resides.

He was educated in the Jersey City school system where he graduated and started his career as an auto mechanic and tractor trailer driver when he met the love of his life Debra Battle. From this union with the blending of two large families God blessed us with one large wonderful family of twelve children; this love story culminated in marriage that lasted forty eight years.

After his career as an auto mechanic and tractor trailer driver Mickey then continued on as a city bus driver. He again found his passion as a long distance truck driver where he retired. However, after retirement his love for driving and children led him to resume employment as a school bus driver for the Rockdale County School system until his passing.

Though he enjoyed his career he took advantage of his leisure time. He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He would often take them boating and fishing. He was the family’s barbecue pit master. For ten years he played softball for the Black Tavern League of Jersey City, New Jersey. He was a firm believer in his children staying in school and getting as much education as possible that he went back to school himself and received his certificates for computers. He would share his passion of driving by taking various family members out on long distance drives to see the world from his perspective. He would purposefully vacation visiting many different states to expose his family to cultures outside of their communities. He settled down in his retirement with a remote in his hands and dared anyone to change the channel.

Mickey is survived by his loving wife Debra Battle, one sister-Mary Battle; one sister-in-law Alice Battle; his children Robert Battle, Jr and daughter-in-law Laurie Battle; Valerie Marshman and son-in-law James Marshman, Sidney Battle, Darnae Williams, Michael Battle, Maurice Battle, Towanda Malloy, Melanie Holland, Lucretia Holland, Rochelle Ford and son-in-law William Ford Jr, and Darryl Smith. Mickey also leaves behind 28 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends. He has gone home to be with his mother Mae Queen Battle, Brother Johnny Battle and son Willie Smith Jr.

Order of Service

Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Musical Selection	Evangelist Ethel Pope
Scripture Readings	Arlene Perkins
Old Testament	
New Testament	
Prayer of Comfort	
Musical Selection	Evangelist Ethel Pope
Acknowledgements	
Reflections	(2 Mins. per person)
Obituary Reading	Evelyn Clark
Musical Selection.....	Evangelist Ethel Pope
Eulogy	Reverend Valerie Marshman
Recessional.....	Funeral Director
Final Repose:.....	Lakeview Memorial Park
	1300-RT 130 North, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077



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 of the Late **Robert "Mickey" Battle**
wishes to express their sincere thanks and
appreciation for the many acts of kindness,
comforting words, and prayers shown during
our time of bereavement.

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