

Celebrating The Life of



Bennie Patterson

"BJ"

Sunrise
July 12, 1930

Sunset
July 13, 2020

Service
Monday, July 20, 2020 • 10:30 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME
256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey
Rev. Alexander McDonald, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Bennie James Patterson was born on July 12th, 1930, in Lee County, South Carolina, to the late Richard Patterson and Cora Peoples Patterson, Bennie attended Candy Hill Baptist Church where he was Baptized at a young age.

Bennie sung on the Candy Hill Choir in which his mother Cora Patterson was the director and lead soloist. Bennie also attended the Candy Hill Public School.

Bennie was a dedicated and hard worker, he worked for the Flex Line Company in the city of Paterson for many years. He also worked for The Brooks Moving Company in Paterson, he was also a Security Guard, in Paterson. He worked for Pathmark in the city of Paterson for more than 35 years where he retired from.

Bennie was affectionately known as B.J -A.K.A- (James Brown), (Bee), (Honey), (My Baby) and (Boo). He was called James Brown because of his emasculate hair and dance. He loved his family dearly, he was an exceptional provider, he made sure that his family had everything they needed and much more.

Bennie James Patterson, accepted the Lord in 2001 while sitting in his kitchen. Bennie joined Second Baptist Church in the city of Paterson in 2007, where he served on the Ushers Board Committee. Bennie loved serving God and attending church services.

Some of his favorite colors were brown, black & red, his favored shows were western movies and wrestling. When wrestling came on you could hear him a block away. He would laugh and have fun all by himself. Bennie loved to dress and when he got dressed you could not tell him nothing, he knew he looked good, and his hair you better not touch his hair, he would let you have it if you did, his hair was his pride and joy. Bennie was also a Transporter for his children and grandchildren anywhere they wanted to go he took them. He was a humble and quiet spirit person.

The Lord allowed him to see his 90th birthday, Bennie James Patterson departed this life on Monday morning July 13th, 2020 at Preakness Nursing Facility in Wayne, N.J.

Bennie was preceded in death by his late wife, Chrystal Mae Patterson, his father, Richard Patterson, mother, Cora People Patterson, sisters, Lessie Clyburn, Wille Alice Patterson Hall, Juanita Brown, his two brothers, Isaac Patterson, James Mitchell Patterson, daughters, Maxine Ward, and Veronica Lyde, sons, Charlie Mitchell and Isaac Patterson.

Bennie leaves to cherish his loving memories, his wife, Hazel Patterson; five daughters, Velinda Thomas, Marilyn McCutchen, Rebecca Patterson, Evangelist Shirley Patterson, all of Paterson, NJ, Pastor Violet Mack, (Apostle Marvin E. Mack) of Lodi, NJ; two sons, Harry Mitchell of Prospect, NJ and Mark Lyde (Eleanor Lyde) Irvington, NJ; two step-sons, Ishmael Sumter and Thomas Earl Harris; thirty-five grandchildren, fifty-three great grandchildren, thirty-five great great grandchildren; three sisters, Lou Ester Turner, Annie Cyrus, and Helen Cooper, and one brother, John Patterson, (Honey Patterson) all from Columbia, South Carolina; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 24

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Thessalonians (4:13-18)

SELECTION SOLOIST

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & REMARKS

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

POEM

SELECTION SOLOIST

WORD OF COMFORT

REV. DR. ALEXANDER McDONALD III

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

RECESSIONAL

Interment

Fairlawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn, 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!*

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Bennie James Patterson** 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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