

*In Loving Memory  
of*

*William "Bill" Hansford*

Sunrise  
June 27, 1942

Sunset  
September 11, 2020

Friday, September 18, 2020 - 11:00am

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**  
256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey  
Brother Homer Luttrell, Officiating

# Obituary

Bill Hansford, 78 years old of Paterson, N.J. was born on June 27, 1942, in Passaic, N.J. He was the son of Lanzy and Josephine (Ogeltree) Hansford. Bill slipped away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, September 11, 2020 after a long illness.

Bill attended school in Paterson, married the love of his life Irene Reels and was married 50 years; this union gave them 3 children. He was a devoted husband and family man. He was a hardworking father who never let anyone he loved lack for anything. He loved going bowling with his family and friends. He loved going out on the boat fishing and taking along with his family as many kids as he could to the Jersey shore. He loved going on vacation with his family to North Carolina to visit relatives. To his grandchildren he was affectionately known as "The Doctor".

On August 8, 1973, he was baptized joining his wife as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. For many years together they enjoyed preaching the good news about God's kingdom. He loyally served in his assignment as ministerial servant in the Paterson North Congregation for many years and it would often include picking up literature from Bethel in Brooklyn, N.Y. He enjoyed his assignment often taking his family along for the ride.

Bill worked in the tire business for more than 30 years, servicing the city of Paterson and even having some come from out of state. Everyone knew Bill not just as the tire man but affectionately as "Jit". Many would often come visit just to experience his funny sense of humor; they all knew they could count on him to give them a laugh for the day. He was a caring friend, and would be amongst the first to come and help you when your car was stuck or you got a flat tire no matter what time of the day or night. If you were stuck, Bill was coming to your rescue. If there was one word to describe Bill it would be "selfless".

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Irene (Reels) Hansford, parents Lanzy and Josephine Hansford, sisters, Fannie Hansford, Ruth Harrison, brothers, Kenneth, Donald, Lanzy Jr., Melvin, Robert, his granddaughter, Genesis Bonilla, sister-in-law, Cheryl Curtis-Hansford and father-in-law, Shedrick Reels.

Bill leaves to cherish precious memories daughters, Sharon Caldwell (Kenneth), Jacqueline Hansford-Frankson (Donovan), and son, William Hansford, Jr. (Annette); his grandchildren, Kenneth Jr. (Shamina), Keith (Shaquah), Candice (Scott), 2 great grandchildren, brother, Norman Hansford, brother-in-law, Warren Reels (Annette), sisters-in-law, Eunice Hansford and Karen Gilbert-Hansford, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Chairman: Bro. Brant Kimbrough

Opening Song #144  
“Keep Your Eyes on the Prize”

Opening Prayer: Bro. Stanley Mason

Speaker: Bro. Homer Luttrell

Closing Song #151  
“He Will Call”

Closing Prayer: Bro. Willie Dixon

Chairman: Closing Remarks

*Interment*  
Fair Lawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

From Sharon,  
I was your step daughter. That didn't matter to you though. You took care of me like I was your own. I never lacked anything. I saw through you the importance of working hard and taking care of family. When you had your stroke in 2013, it broke my heart to see that you were not able to do the things you use to do. You trusted that I would take care of you. I only hope that I did the half of what you did for me dad. I love you and will forever treasure that privilege.

Goodbye Dad  
You are a Good Man...  
You taught me everything I know...  
I Love You For Ever Dad...  
Sleep well Knowing The Truth...  
You will be in my Heart and Mind  
Forever...  
Just like Mommy..  
Love Scooter

From Jackie,  
You were my first love as a little girl, nothing was bigger or stronger than my daddy. You were funny and made us laugh all the time with your funny sense of humor. You spent every free moment with us even when you were tired you always kept your promises to take us to the shore. It's because of you that your children have a lifetime of memories to share and pass on to their children. It's because of you we grew up knowing that we were loved. I will miss you everyday until Jehovah call's your name.

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of the late **William "Bill" Hansford** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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