

## *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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 savoured 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 acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Joe Willie Handy Jr.*

**Service**

**Friday, December 11, 2020**

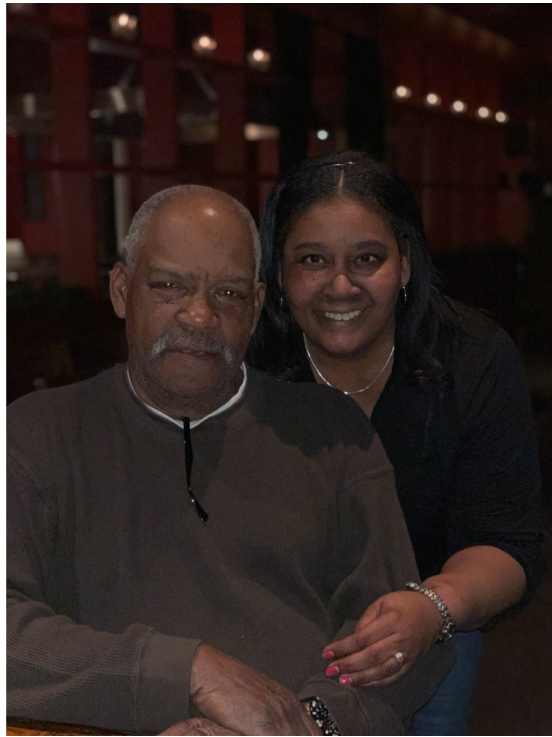
*Father Binny Mulackal, Officiating*



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I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

### *Interment*

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Joe Willie Handy Jr. 69, a current resident of Westfield, NJ, was born in Newark, NJ on March 30, 1951 to parents, Joe Willie Handy Sr. and Willa Ann Wright Handy, both deceased. He was the oldest of five siblings. The family resided in Elizabeth, NJ. He attended Public Schools in Elizabeth, NJ, and War, WV. He spent many summers in War, West Virginia visiting with his maternal grandparents, Gertrude Wright Lewis and Peter Lewis (deceased) and paternal grandparents; Lucy and Nelson Haulsey (deceased). He was confirmed and received his first communion at Christ the King Catholic Church, War, WV.

Joe later moved to Scotch Plains, NJ and enjoyed playing softball with the Jerseyland Bombers and also played recreational football there.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing and looked forward each year to his Annual Hunting and Fishing trips. He was a skilled mechanic and loved working with his hands building things and beautifying his yard.

He was a mechanic at E.J. Korvetts until they closed their doors. He worked many years at the Firestone Autocare Company in both their Bayonne and Springfield, NJ establishments. In the late nineties he began to work for the Town of Westfield, Department

of Public Works. There he was employed as a Laborer and at a time served as a Shop Steward for Teamsters Local 469.

He was a member of Centennial Lodge #400 of Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOEW) for over 40 years serving in many offices and currently was the Financial Secretary until his illness prevented him from serving in that capacity.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of over 34 years, Kimberly, his Daughter, Tamara Handy and Son, Joseph (Marie) Handy. Siblings: Ann Handy, Peter Handy, Paula Handy and Debra Handy (Deceased) of War, WV. Mother-in-law, Mary Morgan, Sister-in-Laws: Karin Hopkins (NC) Lisa Majete (VA), Jessica (Justin) Luna (WA) and Grace (Cleodis) Floyd (WA) and Brother-in-Law: David V. Coleman (WA). Nieces: Takisha Moore, Danielle Hopkins, Danielle Harmon, Willa Handy and Sofia Floyd, Nephews: Darrell Hopkins, Jayden & Julian Luna, Goddaughter; Alnesa Coles and a host of other Aunts, Uncles, relatives and friends.