

*Celebrating The Life and The Legacy of*  
*Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.*

*Sunrise*  
*April 20, 1939*

*Sunset*  
*December 29, 2020*



**Sunday, January 10, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.**

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER**

359 Van Houten Street, Paterson, New Jersey

**Apostle Joel D. Rudolph, Senior Pastor**

**James Williams, Organist**

# *Reflections of Life*

Born in New York, New York, Carnie resided in Passaic, New Jersey for 5 years before moving to Paterson, NJ in 1945. He was educated at Public School No. 6, Eastside High School, and graduated from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee in 1961.

After graduating from the McAllister School of Embalming in 1962, he was licensed in 1963. Carnie enlisted in the United States Army Reserve as a Medic in 1962, and received an Honorable Discharge in 1968.

When Carnie was seven years old, he worked on his first funeral. He knew then that he wanted to be a Funeral Director. In his High School yearbook, he inscribed, as his aspiration "To be a Mortician." Remarkably, this ambition from early childhood continued throughout his high school days. It was during this time that he industriously became interested in the business as a career for himself.

After graduating from McAllister School of Embalming, he joined the family business. As he continued to work with his parents, Carnie realized that working with families and ministering to people in need was very rewarding for him personally, and he has been there ever since. Carnie worked with his dad until his father's untimely death on August 4, 1972. Since then, he has been the Senior Director at the funeral home.

Carnie joined the Calvary Baptist Church in 1948, where he directed the Gospel Chorus. He was extremely supportive of many churches in Northern New Jersey. Since 1991, he has sung in the Hampton University Ministers' Conference and Choir Directors' Organists' Guild Workshop Choir. He was inducted into the Halls of Fame for School # 6 and Eastside High School.

Professionally, Carnie was a member of the National Funeral Director's and Mortician's Association, National Funeral Directors Association, New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association, Passaic County Funeral Directors Association, and the Garden State Funeral Directors Association.

Carnie was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Lambda Upsilon Chapter), Integrity Lodge #51 F & A.M (P.H.A.), American Lodge #333 I.B.P.O.E of W, Fisk University Alumni Association, the Patersonians Five Ladies and a Gent Social Club, the Fellas Social Club of New York, an associate member of the National Council of Negro Women and had two life memberships in the N.A.A.C.P. He was also an honorary Lifetime member of the Interdenominational Women's Conference.

He was a member of the Paterson Rotary Club, where he served as President from 1981-1982. He was an Honorary member of the Paterson Great Falls Rotary Club. Since 1972 he served on the Board of Directors for the Paterson Boys and Girls Club. Also, he was a member of the Passaic County Community College Foundation and a member of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (N.J.P.A.C).

He was preceded in death by his parents; Carnie P. Bragg Sr., and Eunice H. Bragg.

He is survived by his son; Carnie P. Bragg III, daughter; Kim Carnita McCray, sister; Constance B. Wright, nephew; Derek McKay (Julie) and his son Jared McKay, niece; Lynnette Brown, and her children Tamu Brown (Justin Alexander), and Aminifu Brown, grandchildren; Carnie P. Bragg IV, Isaiah McCray, Micaiah McCray, and Shemaiah McCray, great-grandson; Logan McCray, former wife; Leona Bragg, god-children; Carnie Bernard Horton, Carnie Patrick Monts, Carnita Lipscomb, Carnethia Scott, Letha Hunter, Jason Hansford, Simone Patterson, Tania Johnson, Gina McKinney, and Jahanna Rucker and a devoted loving staff.

# Order of Service

Opening Hymn

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Rev. Cedric McKoy

New Testament - Deacon Eleanor Rudolph

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Harris Holloway

Acknowledgment of

The Honorable Hector Lora

*Mayor, City of Passaic*

The Honorable Andre Sayegh

*Mayor, City of Paterson*

Musical Selection

Mietta Stancil-Farrar

Words of Comfort

Rev. Anthony Cureton

Grace Chapel Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ

Recessional

**“Thank You for Coming”**

*Interment*

Cedar Lawn Cemetery

200 McLean Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

# *Empty Chair 2021*

*This year we will remember,  
Happier times in the past months before December,  
This year we will certainly see,  
A massive void where you used to be.  
This year we will sit and stare at the large black empty chair.  
This year we will sit and reminisce,  
You are not here for us to call, hug or kiss.  
This year we will definitely see,  
No gifts for you under the Christmas tree.  
This year we will shed a tear for our boss, mentor, friend and  
colleague, Carnie as you are no longer here.*

*Lovingly submitted,  
The Staff of The Carnie P. Bragg Funeral Home  
Whom he lovingly referred to as the Associates*

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of the late **Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.** 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. A special thank you is extended to his care providers Ikechukwu Ekere and Hollis Okoye May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

After the pandemic we hope to celebrate Carnie's life in a larger way to be able to allow others to attend.

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