

*In Loving Memory of*

SUNRISE  
April 5, 1961



SUNSET  
April 8, 2021

*Sammie Byrd, Jr.*

Saturday, April 17, 2021  
Service: 12:00 Noon

ST. PAUL'S LIFE CENTER  
355 Badger Avenue • Newark, NJ

Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr. - Officiating

## *Life Reflections*

**Sammie Byrd, Jr. (Speedy)** was born to the late Sammie Byrd, Sr. and Naydean McGhee on Tuesday, April 5, 1961 in Ozark, Alabama. He transitioned on April 8, 2021. He was educated by Newark Public Schools (Maple Avenue, Maple Lyons and Weequahic High School. After High School he enlisted in the United States Air Force in San Antonio, Texas where he received an Honorable Discharge.

Sammie relocated to Kansas City, Missouri where he was employed for several years at Ford Motor Company. After years in Missouri, he moved back to Newark, NJ where he was employed at the VA Medical Center in Lyons, New Jersey. He enrolled in Lincoln Tech Institute, where he received his certification and license in Heating, Ventilation and Air (HVAC) He was very skilled in fixing appliances. In his younger years, he was active in boxing. He trained at the Elks Gym, South Ward and Hillside Pal but most of his fights was at the Elizabeth Armory. He also played for Southward Little League Baseball. Later in life, he coached for Jackie Robinson Little League Baseball. He loved the children and was presently a boxing trainer at Bayway Gym in Elizabeth, NJ. Sammie refereed many boxing fights and he presently renewed his Referee Certificate!!!! He was so excited....

His favorite recreation time was spent in Weequahic Park. You can find him there working out or working on the grill because he loved cooking and feeding his loved ones. If you knew Speedy then you know that his favorite team is the Kansas City Chiefs! He never switched his team and was a dedicated fan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sammie Byrd Sr.; his brother Jimmy Jerome Burney, and his sister Barbara Ann Jones. Sammie leaves his precious memories to: his mother, Naydean McGhee; daughter, Cheapell Rene Byrd (Vernita); his fiancé, Margueretta White; five sisters, Ethel McClendon (Alabama), Jacqueline Harrison, Teresa Byrd, Cheapell Byrd and Angel Byrd (Alabama); three brothers, Randolph Byrd, Tony Byrd and Timothy Byrd; three aunts, Trudie Jordan (Newark), Dollie Franklin (Florida) and Mildred Evans (Orange, NJ); two uncles, Elder Jewel Burney (Joan) and Bishop Nathaniel Burney (Bernice); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Opening Hymn

Prayer of Comfort ..... Pastor Phillip Gilmore

Scripture Readings

Old Testament- Psalm 23 ..... Pastor Robert Cole

New Testament- John 14:27-31 ..... Rev. Roderick Jones

Selection ..... Minister Toby Carson

Poem ..... Family Member

Obituary ..... Minister Rose Byrd

Reflections (*2 minutes each please*) ..... Family & Friends

Solo ..... Bishop Hilton Rawls, Jr.

Eulogy ..... Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr.

Recessional

## *Interment*

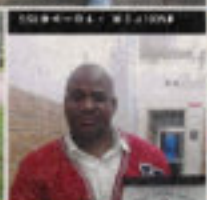
New Jersey Veteran's Cemetery

Arneytown, New Jersey

## **REPAST**

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## *Thank You*

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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