



## *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!*

### *Acknowledgment*

The family of the late **Samuel R. Mitchell** 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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## *Celebration of Life for*



*Samuel R. Mitchell*  
*"Sheriff"*

Sunrise:  
 April 20, 1953

Sunset:  
 April 23, 2021

Saturday, May 8, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

**New Faith Baptist Church**  
 185 Lexington Ave, Passaic, NJ 07055  
 Rev. Carl Ellen, Pastor



## Obituary

Samuel Raymond Mitchell Jr. was born in Paterson, New Jersey on April 20th 1953.

Samuel Raymond Mitchell, lovingly known to the community as "Sheriff" but affectionately called "Junior" by his family, attended the Passaic Public School System graduating in 1972.

He joined the Army and National Guard where he served until honorably discharged. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.) in Passaic N.J. under Commander Harry Johnson. Samuel was also employed by ADP as a security guard and Department Of Public Works (D.P.W.) of Passaic, NJ.

Samuel joined New Faith Baptist Church of Passaic where he served as a faithful member where he played the Bongo's. Rain, sleet, hail, or snow he'd roll into church in his electric chair. His pastor Carl Ellen nicknamed him, "Old Faithful."

Junior was a skilled percussionist however he was best known for playing the bongo's. He marched for the Passaic Drill teams "Eldorados and Corridors". He also enjoyed many things such as playing bingo, scratch offs, listening to oldies but goodies and watching western movies. Junior loved football, his favorite team was the New York

Giants. In his younger years he played for Passaic High School and coached for the "Time out Little League".

Samuel Raymond Mitchell Jr. was preceded in death by his son Conan Davis, his parents Viola and Samuel Raymond Mitchell Sr. Two brothers Jihad and Niam Shabazz, sister Linda Harris.

Samuel departed this life on Friday April 23, 2021 at the age of 68.

He leaves to cherish loving memories: Two daughters Tamika Mitchell of Somerset, N.J. and Shania Mitchell of Charlotte, N.C. Two brothers Saleem Shabazz of Irvington, N.J. Paul Mitchell of Norcross, G.A. Four sisters Veronica Harris of Clifton, N.J. Yvonne (Thompson) Mejias of Prospect Park, N.J. Terrie Harris of High Point, N.C. Victoria Mitchell Battle of Garfield, N.J. Two brothers in law Clifton Battle and Nelson Mejias. One sister in law Zakiyyah Shabazz. Five grandchildren, Jalandie, Juwan, Aa'Jahmir, Coriyah, Jazear and Quamir. A devoted cousin Bernadette Harris. Also, devoted friends Sunny King and Leon Miller.

Samuel Raymond Mitchell Jr. (Sheriff) also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

## Order of Service

Prelude ..... Mike Willis

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... Deacon Ralph Sparrow  
*New Faith Baptist Church*

New Testament..... Deaconess Stephany Sparrow  
*New Faith Baptist Church*

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. William Crayton  
*New Faith Baptist Church*

Soloist ..... Carlton Ellen

Tribute..... From Friends & Family

Soloist ..... William Murray

Acknowledgment  
& Resolution ..... Deaconess Stephany Sparrow

Reflection of Life ..... Mrs. Nikkie Sams  
*New Faith Baptist Church*

Selection..... Mike Willis, Eugene Alston  
& Keshon Harris

Eulogy..... Rev. Carl Ellen  
*Pastor of New Faith Baptist Church*

Selection..... Mike Willis Eugene Alston  
& Keshon Harris

### *Pallbearers*

*Rahim Mitchell • Raymond Thompson • Chauncey Norris  
Curren Thompson • Jeffery Norris • Kenyon Shepherd  
Lawrence Norris • Anthony Lawson*

### Interment

Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle  
Veterans Cemetery  
Arneytown, New Jersey