

IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF

NOEL B. BECKFORD

JULY 15, 1942 - JULY 21, 2021

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

*Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating*

*Joshua Nelson, Organist*

# OBITUARY

NOEL PASSED PEACEFULLY FROM THIS LIFE THE MORNING OF JULY 21, 2021, AFTER A GRADUAL DECLINE IN HEALTH. HE WAS SURROUNDED AND SUPPORT BY HIS FAMILY AT FRIENDS AT HIS BEDSIDE.

NOEL WAS BORN IN MANCHESTER, JAMAICA. HE MIGRATED TO THE US IN THE EARLY 70'S.

NOEL ALSO KNOWN AS (DEACON BECKFORD) LOVED THE CHURCH. NOEL FOLLOWED JESUS AS BEST HE KNEW HOW, AND WAS ABSOLUTING DEVOTED TO HIS CHRISTIAN FAITH. HE REGULARLY ATTENDED UNIVERSAL CHURCH OF THE ORANGES.

NOEL ALSO LOVED TO WORK. AFTER MANY YEARS OF HARD WORK IN THE DRY CLEANING BUSINESS HE RETIRED. AND SPENT HIS LATE YEARS AROUND FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WE ARE ALL HERE TODAY, BECAUSE OF OUR LIVES HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY NOEL BECKFORD. THE LONGER YOU KNEW HIM, THE MORE YOU REALIZED HOW REMARKABLE A SERVANT, HOW DEVOTED HE WAS TO HIS FAMILY, HOW LOYAL HE WAS TO HIS FRIENDS, HOW FAITHFUL TO GOD, AND HOW AVAILABLE HE WAS TO LITERALLY ANYONE WHO NEEDED HELP.

IN TODAY'S WORLD ONE OF THE HIGHEST COMPLAINTS YOU CAN GIVE A MAN IS THE MOST SIMPLE TO SAY AND POWERFUL WHEN IT'S SAID IN EARNEST: "HE'S A GOOD MAN. NOT A PERFECT MAN, BUT "A GOOD MAN". WE GRIEVE, BUT NOT AS THOSE WITHOUT HOPE. THE BIBLE SAYS O DEATH, "WHERE IS THY STING"? O GRAVE, "WHERE IS THY VICTORY? "THE STING OF DEATH IS SIN; AND THE STRENGTH OF SIN IS THE LAW. BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHICH GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST".

NOEL IS SURVIVED BY FOUR CHILDREN: DAUGHTER ARLENE BECKFORD, SONS SEAN PATTERSON, BRANDON BECKFORD, BRIAN BECKFORD, AND GRANDSON JOEL HUDSON. NOEL IS ALSO SURVIVED BY SISTER NAVITA BECKFORD. UNCLE NEIL BECKFORD AND HIS WIFE LONNA BECKFORD. IN ADDITION NIECES, NEPHEWS AND, AND OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional - "Nearer My God To The"

Selection - "Just A Closer Walk With Thee Precious Lord Take My Hand"  
*Joshua Nelson*

Scripture Reading  
*Old Testament - PALS M 90*  
*New Testament - ECCLESIASTES 3. 1-4*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection - "Will The Circles Be Unbroken"  
*Joshua Nelson*

Remarks  
*(Two minutes each please)*

Acknowledgements

Poem  
*Dion Beckford*

Obituary

Selection - "Ill Fly Away"  
*Joshua Nelson*

Eulogy  
*Rev. Edward Allen*

Recessional - "Well Done"

**INTERMENT**  
Friday, July 30, 2021 - 10AM  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey

I AM AT PEACE. MY SOUL IS AT REST  
THERE IS NO NEED FOR TEARS FOR  
WITH YOUR LOVE. I WAS SO BLESSED  
FOR ALL THOSE MANY YEARS".

PALL BEARERS

SEAN PATTERSON  
BRIAN BECKFORD  
JOEL HUDSON

CLIVE HUDSON  
ROY TIMOTHY  
BARRINGTON PALMER

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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