



*Celebrating The Life  
of*

*James A. Givens*  
"Dutchie"

**Sunrise**  
February 4, 1935

**Sunset**  
September 23, 2021

Service  
Friday, October 15, 2021 ~ 10:00 am

**First Baptist Church**  
929 Dill Avenue  
Linden, New Jersey 07036  
*Pastor, Derrick R. Dumas*

# Life Reflections

On Thursday, September 23, 2021, James Givens, loving father, passed away at the age of 86.

James ‘Dutchie’ Givens was born on February 4, 1935 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, son of Margaret Jackson Givens and Rosears Givens, Sr. Dutchie was a lifelong New Jersey resident. He was raised in Linden, New Jersey but lived most of his life in Rahway, New Jersey. While a senior at Linden High School, Class of 1953, he was named *Most Athletic Ability*. As a talented athlete, he excelled at basketball and baseball; a self-proclaimed “Ball Player”.

After a short baseball career in the Negro National League, Dutchie married Jean ‘Sweetie’ Robinson, on November 7, 1954. He then began his most rewarding feat, fatherhood. As a father of two daughters, Diane and Kelli, Dutchie found joy spending time with his girls.

For over 30 years, Dutchie was employed by Merck, until his retirement in 2000. Though retired, he never lost the love of sports, attending local sporting events, regularly encouraging the city's youth and visiting friends/family.

Dutchie was preceded in death by his wife, Jean ‘Sweetie’ Givens. He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memories: daughters, Diane Tate and Kelli Givens; 3 grandchildren, Akili, Kalifa and Hasina; 6 great-grandchildren, Geron Michael, MacKenzie, Kaniya, Amiya, Zoe and Tate. A host of relatives and friends will miss but never forget, James ‘Dutchie’ Givens.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,

The Family

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Selection

Scriptures  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Words of Comfort and/or Reflections

Family Tribute

Acknowledgment of Condolences

Reading of the Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Reverend Derrick Dumas

Recessional

## Interment

Roschill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

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Services Entrusted To:

**G. G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

206 East Eighth Avenue

Roselle, New Jersey 07203

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**Pallbearers**  
Family and Friends of **James A. Givens**

*There Is No Light  
Without A Dawning*  
By Helen Steiner Rice

No winter without a spring  
And beyond the dark horizon.  
Our hearts will once more sing...  
For those who leave us for a while  
Have only gone away  
Out of a restless, careworn world  
Into a brighter day.

*Acknowledgement*

*The family of James A. Givens would like to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God richly bless you.*

