

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
**JULIUS WILKERS ROBINSON SR.**

*Sunrise*  
*May 4, 1941*

*Sunset*  
*October 11, 2021*



SERVICE  
*Monday, October 18, 2021- 12:00 Noon*  
**Abyssinian BAPTIST CHURCH**  
224 West Kinney Street • Newark, NJ 07103

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Processional & Viewing by Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn of Comfort/Solo “May the work I’ve Done”.....Ms. Gloria Parker

Scriptures from the Old & New Testament.....Mrs. Latonya Robinson Cupid

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Gregory J. Jackson

Words of Comfort (Church Family).....Deacon and Deaconess James E. Clark

Words of Comfort (From Daisy and the Brothers).....Mr. Frank Robinson Sr.

Reading of the Obituary.....Ms. Shalita Robinson

Words from the Grandchildren.....David Jr., Adreanna, Evan, & Morgan

Words from the Children.....Kasandra, Michelle, & Julius Jr.

Music Selection/Solo.....Ms. Ethel Sykes

Eulogy.....Reverend Rahmin Wynn, New Point Missionary Baptist Church

Benediction

Recessional

Interment.....Graceland Memorial Park, 1900 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth, NJ

Repass.....Galloping Hill Caterers...1085 Galloping Hill Road, Union, NJ

Mr. Frank L. Robinson Jr. (Moderator)

# LIFE REFLECTIONS

Julius Wilkers Robinson Sr. was born to the late Lucy Marie Banks Robinson and Charlie Julius Robinson on May 4, 1941 in Palmer Springs, Virginia. Julius was the third oldest in a family of 11 brothers and sisters. These include Oliver Robinson (deceased), Daisy McIlveen, Frank Robinson, Sr., Howard Robinson, Bennie Robinson (deceased), Albert Robinson, Sr., Robert Robinson, Evelyn Robinson (deceased as a child), Ray Robinson, and Charles Robinson. Early in life he became a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Macon County North Carolina where he began his spiritual development. Julius was educated as a child by the public schools of Mecklenburg County Virginia and graduated from East End High School where he skipped a grade and met lifelong friends.

Upon graduating high school, Julius drove the school bus and contributed to his family's farming and agricultural business. It was early on that he made a personal decision that he did not want to take on farming as a career the way his father and uncles had done. In private conversations with his mother Julius saved up \$17 and decided to take the bus to Newark New Jersey to live with his Aunt Jennie and began his new life. "Jeff", as his close friends and family called him, held many jobs in the booming manufacturing era in Newark. Needless to say it didn't take very long for many of his brothers to follow his path also leaving Virginia to take up permanent residence in New Jersey where many still reside today. He felt an incredible sense of pride being able to make his own way in the world and sent money home on a regular basis as his parents were building a new home and Daisy was in college. He also admired his daddy's entrepreneurial spirit and established a cleaning company later to be known as Robinson Cleaning and Maintenance, Inc. Oliver, Frank, and Ray later joined him as significant members of the business. Julius took his manufacturing experience to Jacobson Manufacturing Company where he worked as a machinist for over 30 years until the business closed. Shortly after closing, he joined Loreal Cosmetics where he worked an additional 10 years until his retirement.

Work wasn't the only thing Julius found when he arrived in New Jersey, while taking the bus one day he laid eyes upon the woman who would become his wife for over 40 years, Bernice Hicks in the early 60s. "Jeff" fell in love with Bernice and even followed her to Church where he became a member of the Abyssinian Baptist Church and has been a loyal and devoted member for just over 53 years. Julius was active in many church activities and followed his mother's footsteps in becoming a trustee and later Chairman of the Trustee Board for just over 30 years. Brother Robinson also served as a member of the Missionary Circle, and a board member of King Memorial Daycare. Julius always stressed the importance of education for youth as a way for them to stay focused and build better lives. This focus was paramount with his children as it was very important to both he and Bernice that their children be well educated and raised in the church. Unless they were travelling back from Virginia or North Carolina to see family, the family car was always parked outside the doors of Abyssinian on Sunday from 8am to just past 3:30pm when all of the church's finances were processed, accounted for and recorded.

During the time of Julius and Bernice's courtship, he was drafted into the United States Army and sent to the Joint Base Ft. Lewis-McCord Military Installation near Tacoma, Washington. There he learned operation tactics and machinery earning his way to an E5 rank in just a few short years. Once married, Bernice traveled to be with her husband in Washington State. While there, Bernice cared for their first child Kasandra while Julius served in Korea. By the Grace of God, Julius missed a mandatory assignment to Vietnam because his time to return to civilian life was coming up just 4 days shy of the cutoff for immediate deployment. Upon their return to Newark from the military, Julius and Bernice gave birth to their second daughter Michelle in 1967 and their son Julius Jr. in 1972. Julius and Bernice moved to Roselle, New Jersey in 1978 which is a place we still call home.

There are so many words and ways to describe Trustee Robinson also known as "Jeff", "Julius Sr". "Julie" "Julius", "Diaddy" or just "Dad". It was no secret that the highlights in his life were marked by moments shared with his wife, his children, and his church. Julius was a provider, a man who took care of his family under any and all circumstances. Dad loved to talk about the future, and our role in it. As a father he taught us how to articulate our words, how to stand up for ourselves, how to own property and conduct business, and how to provide for others through servant leadership. He was a role model for so many and his biggest smiles were moments of pride, speaking favorably of his children and their many accomplishments. At Abyssinian, he took tremendous pride being a steward of the church's business and finances. From having the church to become debt free, to the Thomas O'Neill Annex, to the dignity and respect with which the Trustees carried themselves, he was always so proud.

Julius' smile was warm and infectious, and his love has spread to numerous family members, friends, and loved ones. He leaves to cherish his memory his daughters Kasandra Renee and Michelle, his son Julius Jr. and daughter in-love Jovanni, grandchildren Adreanna, David Jr., Evan, and Morgan, his sister Daisy McIlveen, brothers Frank, Howard, Albert, Robert, Ray, and Charles, brother in-love Garland McIlveen II, sisters in-love Margaret, Patricia, Janice, and Mona. Furthermore, Julius says farewell to a host of other family, nieces, nephews, church members and friends to mourn his loss, cherish his memory, and carry on his legacy.

# LETTERS OF LOVE

Dad,  
Your love, your patience, your understanding, and your wisdom will live on inside me forever. You have given me gifts that are more precious than anything in this world. You have been an excellent father, hard worker, and you always did the best for your family. Even though I am not the baby of the 3 of us, I always acted like it and that's how you treated me 😊. Rest well, sleep in peace you have earned your wings 🕊️. Love you ❤️!  
From Michelle

Dad,  
I am truly blessed to be the daughter of a dad who nurtured and protected me all of my life. You taught me so much about character and to always put God first in everything that I do. Since I am the oldest you made sure that I understood how important it was to set a good example for my siblings. You showed me by example by what it meant to have a good work ethic and always stressed the importance of a good education. I love you and will miss you always, but I know that you are resting now in God's heavenly kingdom.  
Love Kasandra

Dad,  
Thank you dad for being a walking example of what it means to be a man. As early as 8 years old I remember the knowledge and guidance you provided me which has carried me throughout my entire life. I am nothing more than the manifestation of your and mom's dreams and prayers for me all approved by God himself. I thank you for the legacy you have built and the example you provided to so many.  
Love Julius Jr.

Father In-Love,  
You affectionately called me "Giovanni" from the beginning, and I never told him anything different. Even during your illness, you kept a smile for me. I never felt like I was anything other than your third daughter. I enjoyed our conversations about life, politics and raising Evan and Morgan. You loved your family, worked hard, and kept a positive attitude about life. But above all else was your unwavering faith. Even through the illnesses, you trusted God with the outcome. You are the example of what walking by faith looks like. I will miss your smile and how special you made me feel and of our special memories over the years.  
Love Always, Jovanni

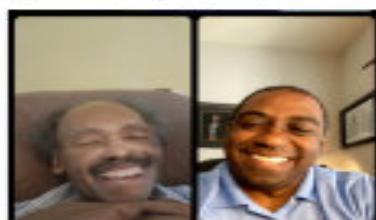
Grandpa,  
Thank you for your love and your wisdom. We always appreciated the time we shared with you and your holiday envelopes at Christmas and on our birthdays. We love you and we will miss you but know that God will keep you and us through it all.  
Love, Your Grandchildren

Brother,  
"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader." – John Q. Adams  
Growing up, Julius inspired all of us. He was a true leader at an early age. Each day, he was the first one dressed and ready for work. On Sundays, he was the first one ready for church. In school, he was a class favorite because of his optimism, outgoing personality and engaging smile. As we grew older, his faith became more and more evident in all aspects of his life. After moving to New Jersey and settling in, he soon earned the nickname "Headquarters" because his brothers would reside with him until they were able to establish a place of their own. As our respective families expanded, Julius would organize the family "talent shows" and brunch during our gatherings at Christmas and in the summer. He inspired, he led and we became more. Because of his life, this world is a better place and we are grateful that God chose him to be part of our family. His legacy will live on forever. We Love and Will miss you!  
From Your Sister & Brothers

From an early family friend,  
Back in 1953 my sister and I were sent to live with family members Jack and Willie Lee Read after my mother passed away unexpectedly. It was there that we had the pleasure of meeting one of the most beautiful families, the Robinson family in Palmer Springs Virginia. This family was loved and respected by all. One of the things that helped to ease the pain of losing our mom was the friendships we developed with Mr. Charlie and Mrs. Lucy's sons. It was Julius who showed me the first sense of compassion and caring. His friendly personality even back then helped me through some difficult times. I still remember those days playing ball with Julius and his brothers while the chickens ran about. Farewell my friend, and maybe one day we will play ball again in heaven, this time without the chickens. With Love.  
Moe Collins







# GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED

God saw you getting tired  
and a cure was not to be  
so He put His arms around you  
and whispered, "Come to Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you  
and saw you fade away  
and although we love you dearly  
we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating  
hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.

## 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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