

*Celebrating the Life
of*



John Anthony Bess

Sunrise
December 17, 1960

Sunset
January 7, 2022

Friday, January 21, 2022 - 12:00 Noon

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME
256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey
Evangelist Edith Smith, Officiating

Obituary

John Anthony Bess was born on December 17, 1960 in Norfolk, Virginia. He was born to the late Rosa and Joseph Bess.

He attended Public School 28, and Passaic County Vocational High School graduating in 1984. John joined the United States Army and National Guard. He received an honorable discharge. He was employed at Preakness Healthcare Center Wayne for twenty-five years.

John was preceded in death by two brothers; Cornel Ruffin and David Bess, one sister; Rosa Lemon.

John departed this life on Friday, January 7, 2022 in Denville, NJ.

He leaves to cherish wonderful memories three sisters; Ora Bess and Jeanette Smith both of Paterson, NJ and Hannah Reddy of Clinton, MD, one brother; Troy Bess, three brothers-in-law, Larry, Juan and Alonzo, one sister-in-law; Treena, two aunts; Ernestine Ausby of Hoboken, NJ and Sarah Cherry of Kelford, NC, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Evangelist Edith Smith

Paterson Evangelistic Center, Paterson, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Laurel Grove Cemetery

Totowa, New Jersey

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!

-author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **John Anthony Bess** 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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