

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading - Rev. Jerry Morgan
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort - Rev. Larry Akin

Solo - Rev. Jerry Morgan

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Poem- Granddaughter - Nyasia

Obituary - Tamika Riddick

Solo - April Rix

Eulogy - Rev. Larry Akins

Recessional

Interment

Washington Crossing Cemetery
Newton, PA

REPASS
GARDEN STATE GRAND LODGE
875 Sanford Avenue
Irvington, NJ

The Broken Chain

By Ron Tranmer

We little knew the day that God was going
to call your name. In life we loved you
dearly, In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you But you
didn't go alone. For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories. Your love is
still our guide, And though we cannot see
you You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken and nothing
seems the same, but as God calls us one by
one the chain will link again.

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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A Celebration of Life for



Bruce Simpson, Sr.

May 10, 1952 – January 3, 2023

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023 - 12:00 PM
Cotton Funeral Service
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey
Donovan Jackson, Organist



Obituary

Bruce Edward Simpson Sr. was born on May 10, 1952 to the late Percy Simpson and the late Maymie Simpson-Ellis in Riverhead Long Island, New York. He was preceded in death by his siblings Denise Simpson, Gary Jackson, Gerald “Bucky” Braunskill and one granddaughter, Sanaa Joyce Palmer. God called him to his heavenly home on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023.

Bruce attended South Side (Shabaaz) High School, Newark, NJ then attended Princeton High School in Hamilton County, Ohio where he graduated with his high school diploma, he then proceeded to join the United States Army for ten years. After his time in the military, Bruce started his career as a Grounds Supervisor in th VA Medical Center in East Orange, NJ for over fifteen years. From the VA Medical Center, he continued his career at the Covanta Incineration Plant, Newark, NJ, where he would eventually retire from in 2018. He later moved to Florida with his long-term companion Evelyn and took on a partime job at the Deltona Senior Center for Meals on Wheels, where he enjoyed working with the elderly.

Bruce met his childhood sweetheart, Joyce Ann Simpson, at West Kinney Junior High of Newark, NJ; they would later marry in 1971.

After the birth of their son, Hanif, they relocated to Honolulu, Hawaii, where they welcomed their daughter Felicia in 1974. Bruce loved to socialize and make friends wherever he went; he was always the life of the party and ready to dance. He had a love for sports, especially his favorite teams the New York Giants and the New York Knicks, but he will always be remembered as an OG fan of the Oakland Raiders, now Las Vegas Raiders. He loved to play cards, especially spades and bid whist, where he was known to be competitive. He was well loved by all that knew him, and will forever live in our hearts.

Bruce leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Joyce A. Simpson, his children Hanif Simpson, Felicia Palmer (Rashaan), Jennifer Gooch (Jason), Stefene Simpson, and Terrance Simpson, his grandchildren Bruce Edward Simpson III, Shariay Hammond (Shaun), Dasjon Simpson, Danique Simpon, Nyasia Drye, Shariya Simpson, Michelle Brown, Raniaah Palmer, Bryale Simpson, Raneesha Palmer, Malasia Palmer, Jordan Gooch, Jade Gooch, Alanna Simpson and Jenae Gooch, his great grandchildren Kaiden, Deona, Riyla, Shaun and Saige, his siblings Ralph McCloud (Erma Faye), Sheryl Cason (George), Mary Braunskill, Dana Braunskill, Evette Simpson, his long-term companion Evelyn Barrios, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

