

# IN LOVING MEMORY OF BILLY GRIMSLEY SR.

SUNRISE: JANUARY 5, 1950

SUNSET: JANUARY 24, 2023



TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023 - 11:00 AM

**St. Paul Life Center**

355 Badger Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

*Bishop Hilton Rawls, Officiating*

# OBITUARY

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Billy Grimsley Sr. departed this life on January 24, 2023, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in East Orange, New Jersey. Billy was born on January 05, 1950, in Newark, New Jersey, to Robert C. Grimsley and Julia M. (Boone)Grimsley.

Billy lived in the Central Ward of Newark; he attended Charlton Street and South Side High School. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. and was honorably discharged in November 1969. Billy enjoyed sports and having great times with his friends. Billy's childhood and lifelong friends prove that he was a friend for life, and include Al Dixon, Clemmie Jackson, and David Williams.

At seven, Billy met another friend, a little girl living three floors up. That girl became his checker partner, girlfriend, lover, and wife. Eventually, the union became a Godly sanctified institution and a death-do-we-part reality.

Billy was employed at the Newark Board of Education for over twenty-five years, and while he was a diligent employee, he established enduring friendships. Billy met Keith King, his mentee and loyal friend at the Board of Ed. Billy was also an employee of the Law Office of Fred Marcus; this employment lasted over thirty-five years. However, Fred and Billy's work relationship would never exceed their friendship. Billy found true and everlasting friendships with both Mr. King and Mr. Marcus.

Billy is survived by his love of over fifty years. His wife, Deloris Howard Grimsley, their daughter Selina Grimsley-Gooden and their son Billy Grimsley II. God blessed down to the second and third generation, as his six grandchildren survive him: Billy, Sylvester, Darius, Brianna, Janiyah, Isaiah, and Billy's cherished great-grandson Billy Grimsley Dobbs Jr.

Billy is also survived by his sisters Joyce Grimsley, Juanita Johnson, and Jaqueline Boulware, and his brothers Robert Grimsley (Renee) and Louis Grimsley (Carol). Billy's In-Laws quickly say, "he is not my brother-in-law but My Brother." Thus, Billy leaves John Lee Howard, (JoAnn) Roger Howard, Maxine Howard Price, Sheena Smith, (David).

Billy was preceded in life by his parents, Robert and Julia, and his brothers: Curtis, Jesse, Nathaniel, Richard, Tommy, and Jackie.

Billy was an uncle to many, his nephews established their manhood through his teaching and his words of wisdom, and his nieces gained valuable instruction on what God defined as a man, a husband, and a father.

Billy could not have given this wisdom without pastorship. It was under the tutelage of Bishop Hilton Rawls that Billy gained godly wisdom and the knowledge of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

Billy proclaimed Salvation and now sleeps until the resurrection.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Music Prelude ..... Timothy Rawls,  
Prayer of Comfort ..... Bishop Hilton Rawls Sr.  
Old Testament: Psalm 130..... Monique Venable  
New Testament: Titus 2 v11-14..... Sonia Glass  
Solo..... Louis Grimsley  
Solo..... Pastor Hilton Rawls Jr.  
Obituary..... Ticia Alston  
Solo..... Minister Toby Carson  
The Gospel Message..... Bishop Hilton Rawls Sr.  
The Hymn of Departure..... Congregation

## INTERMENT

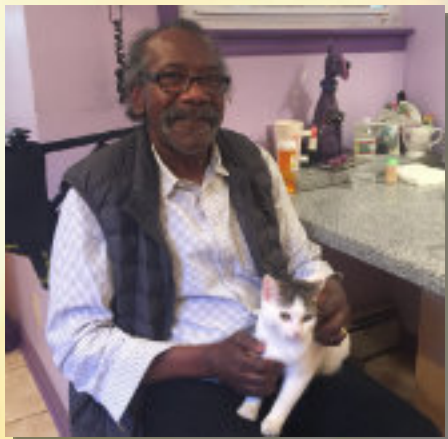
Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

Repast: Blue Ribbon Inn  
256 Hollywood Ave., Hillside, NJ

# THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

2nd Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2nd Samuel 12: 22-23 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? 23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.



Pallbearers: Family & Friends

Flower bearers: Family & Friends

## 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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