

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

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Charles Theodore Hutchins, Sr.

Sunrise

February 8, 1942

Sunset

April 29, 2023



Service

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 • 11:00 a.m.

FOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

116 Glenside Avenue • Summit, New Jersey

GLORY TO HIS NAME

*Down at the cross where my Savior died, Down where for
cleansing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the blood
applied; Glory to His Name!*

Refrain:

*Glory to His Name,
Glory to His Name:*

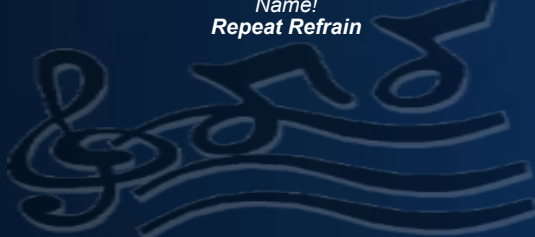
There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His Name!

*I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within,
There at the cross where He took me in; Glory to His Name!
Repeat Refrain*

*Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin, I am so glad I have
entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean; Glory to His Name!
Repeat Refrain*

*Come to this fountain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul at the
Savior's feet; Plunge in today, and be made complete; Glory to His
Name!*

Repeat Refrain



WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

*Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and
blessed He'll prepare for us a place.*

Refrain:

*When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!*

*While we walk the pilgrim pathway
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when trav'ling days are over
Not a shadow, not a sigh.*

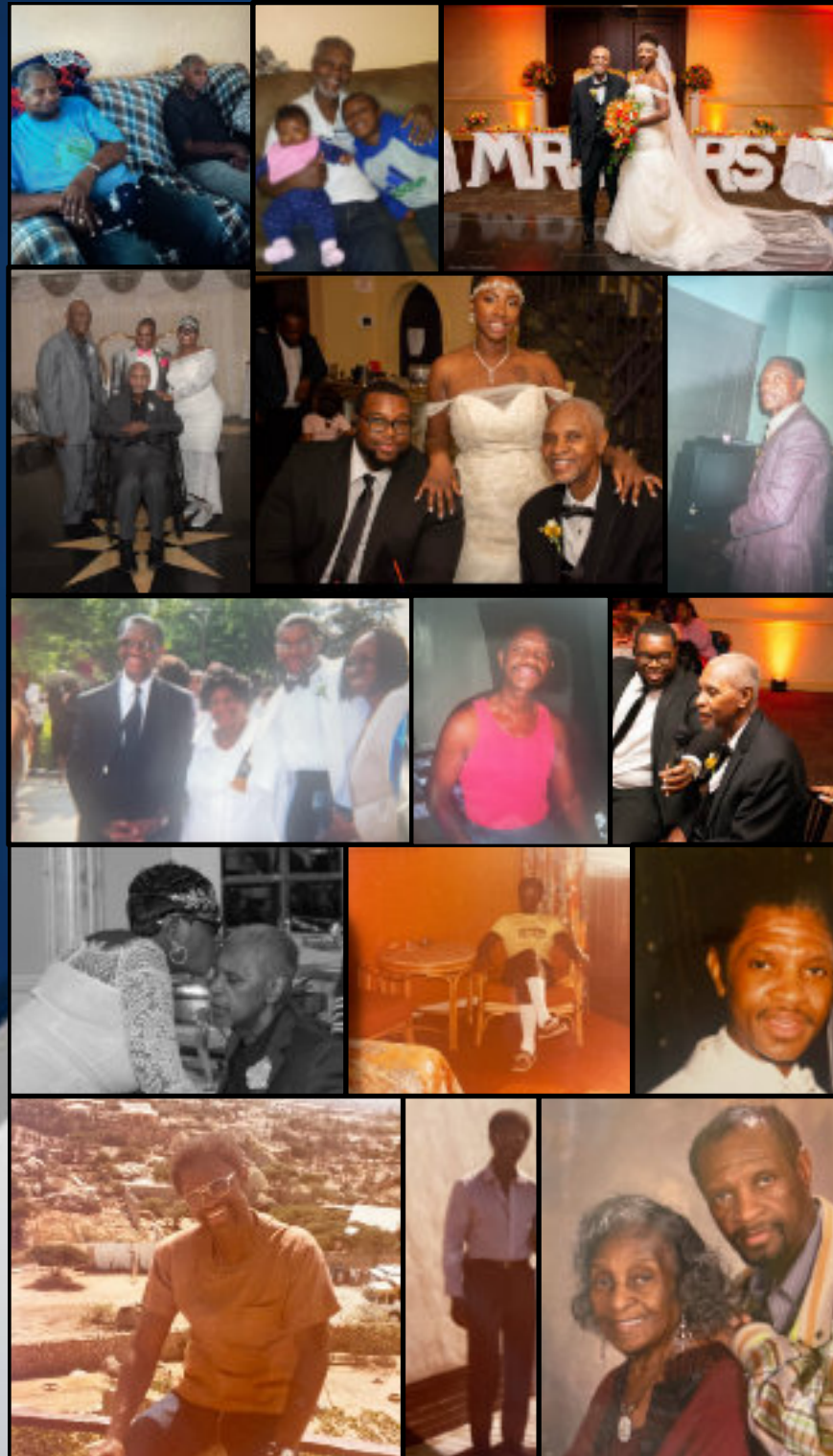
Repeat Refrain

*Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving ev'ry day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.*

Repeat Refrain

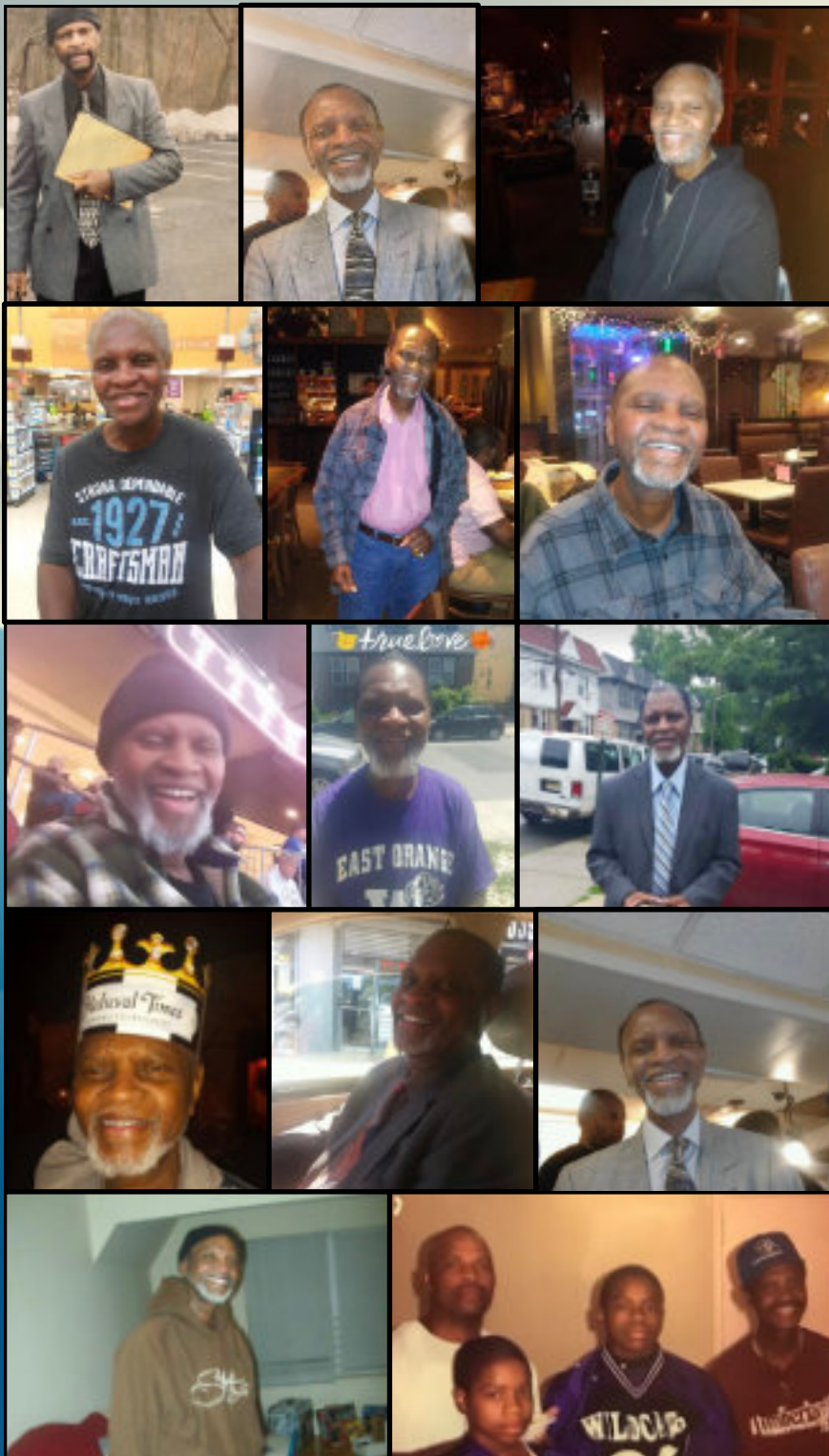
*Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open—
We shall tread the streets of gold.*

Repeat Refrain



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THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 100:1-5

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

People: Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Leader: Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

All: For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

*THE HYMN "Glory To His Name"

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE "He Is Sweet I Know" *He's Sweet I Know, He's Sweet I Know; Storm Clouds May Rise And Strong Winds May Blow. I'll Tell The World Where ever I Go, I've Found A Savior; He's Sweet I Know."*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE Rev. Vernon Williams
 The Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
 The New Testament - John 14:1-6

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT Rev. Gregory Davis

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

THE WORDS OF COMFORT Pastor Sanders

THE CLOSING HYMN "When We All Get To Heaven"

THE COMMITTAL AND BENEDICTION AT GRAVESIDE

**Congregation Standing*

Interment
 Clover Leaf Memorial Park
 Woodbridge, New Jersey

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Charles Theodore Hutchins Sr. was born on February 8, 1942 in Savannah, Georgia. Charles who later coined the name “Hutch”. He has one brother, Freddie Hutchins, and is the youngest child of the late Margaret Williams and the late Charles Lacey Hutchins. Because of the discipline, support and love poured out from his parents, Charles has accomplished great success throughout his lifetime, especially in East Orange.

Hutch moved to New Jersey at a young age and entered his next step of life in Newark. He went on to graduate from Central High School and shortly after used his work ethic to support his family. He started as a Greyhound and NJ Transit bus driver for several years before he transitioned into employment in East Orange. Since then he has encountered a number of jobs giving back to his beloved community, focused around inspiring, strengthening and empowering others, especially children.

Hutch began working for the East Orange Police Department and maintained a faithful rapport for 25+ years in the line of duty. While serving his time on the police force, Hutch became a bodyguard for the former East Orange Mayor John Hachette for 4 years. He also opened up his own private detective agency for 2 years. Along with serving in the line of duty, Hutch became a mason with St. John Mason Lodge on Central Ave in East Orange. Dedicated to serving his community Hutch also drove the East Orange Recreation Van transporting children and adults to and from different sports and other cultural events. Within this time frame, Hutch decided to continue his education and enrolled in West Caldwell Community College. There he completed his Associate’s degree in Criminal Justice before tackling his next duty.

Shortly after he graduated he became an employee of the East Orange Board of Education. Hutch worked at East Orange High School for 20+ years as a security guard. In addition he coached wrestling, football, basketball and baseball for several high schools including East Orange High, the former Clifford J. Scott and East Orange Campus High. There he strived to shape the lives of others while being a positive role model.

After completing his tenure as a security guard, Charles elevated his career and obtained a position working at the East Orange Board of Education central office. As the Director of Security for the East

Orange School District for 15+ years he hired dependable workers that helped maintained order and structure within the school system.

Along with being strong in his work ethic, Charles was a dedicated believer and worshipper in God. He was a faithful member of Peaceful Zion Baptist Church in East Orange for several years and later joined as a member of Fountain Baptist Church in Summit for 20+ years. Charles loved the Lord and knew that God was the leader of his life. He always instilled positivity, prayer, worship, service, faith and belief in his family and his community.

After deciding he was ready to step down, Charles decided to take on a less intense job but remained prominent in East Orange. Hutch became a night security officer at East Orange Campus High School where he would eventually retire from. Before retirement he continued to be a great support in assisting coaching the Girl’s Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball teams at East Orange Campus High as well. With more then 45+ years dedicated to serving East Orange, Hutch still stood strong and has proven hard work pays off. He continued to make his family proud, including his four children the late Jeffrey Hutchins, Patrice Hutchins, Charles Jr. Hutchins and Tiffany Moultrie. Hutch loved spending time with his grandchildren as they kept him going and young at heart.

Charles put up a great fight with all the health obstacles put in his way and he fought until the very end. God called Charles T. Hutchins Sr. home on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 6:01 a.m. at the age of 81 years strong. Charles will be joined in heaven by his mother the late Margaret Williams, his father the late Charles Lacey Hutchins and his oldest son the late Jeffrey Hutchins. Charles leaves behind his oldest daughter Patrice Hutchins (Michele), youngest son Charles T. Hutchins Jr. and his youngest daughter Tiffany Moultrie (Derrick) along with his seven grandchildren Jahaad, Isaiah, Brittney, Tabitha, Anthony, Mahki and Madison. He also leaves behind his brother Freddie Hutchins, a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

*We would also like to give a honorary thank you to Chantel Jackson a.k.a. “Miss” for all her support, care, and love she effortlessly gave while assisting with the care, health and comfort of our beloved father.

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