

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Robert James Truesdale, Jr.

SUNRISE: October 23, 1946

SUNSET: April 29, 2025

Friday, May 16, 2025

Viewing: 5pm - 7pm

Service: 7pm

St. Luke Baptist Church

103 Morningside Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Robert J. Truesdale was born on October 23, 1946, in Harlem to the late Robert J. Truesdale, Sr. and Elizabeth Witt. From this union six children were born; and though time has claimed four of his beloved siblings before him, Robert carried their memories with him every day. He understood the value of family, what it meant to stand by each other, to love unconditionally, and to hold on even when it hurts.

Robert grew up in New York City, where he attended P.S. 184, then Junior High 143, and later Commerce High School. In these early years, Robert began shaping the values that would define his life: determination, kindness, and a quiet strength that inspired those around him. He was a man who believed in doing things right, not for recognition, but because it was the right thing to do.

He loved baseball—not just as a sport, but as a rhythm of life. It was a place where he found joy, community, and a sense of timeless connection. Whether playing, watching, or simply talking about the game, baseball was one of his truest passions. And just like the sport he loved, Robert showed up for life with heart, patience, and an enduring spirit.

What stood out most about Robert was his deep desire to be a helping hand. He didn't need a reason to offer support, he just did it. Whether it was family, friends, or even strangers, Robert found purpose in service. He had a generous soul, always willing to give of himself, to lift others when they were down, and to be present in times of need.

As we say goodbye, we do not just mourn his passing, we celebrate the life he lived and the love he gave. Robert Truesdale's legacy is not written in grand monuments or headlines, but in the lives, he touched, the hearts he warmed, and the quiet moments where his kindness made a difference.

May we carry his memory forward in the way we live our own lives—with compassion, with humility, and with a willingness to help others, just as Robert always did.

Rest peacefully, Robert. You were deeply loved, and you will never be forgotten.

To cherish his fond memories, he leaves: his sister Bernadine, his life partner Gloria, and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, and friends.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION.....Jeffrey Bratton

PRAYER OF COMFORT

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTUREPsalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE.....John 14:1-6

CHURCH RESOLUTION/LETTER

OBITUARY Shonda Dickerson

SELECTION..... Linda Evans

EULOGY Rev. Keith Dennis

RECESSIONAL

Interment

Mt. Holiness Memorial Park
Butler, 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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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.

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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