



**Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life of**

**Herman Edward Rainey
"Waverly"**

Sunrise

December 18, 1934

Sunset

August 22, 2011

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

11:00 a.m.

Heard A.M.E. Church

*310 East Eighth Street
Roselle, New Jersey*

Rev. Archie Cummings, Jr., Pastor



Asleep

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday.*

*I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.*

*But life for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone.
You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ...
You always told me, "get some rest,"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.*

*So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.
You'll soon realize this was meant to be,
I thank God because He came for me.*

-Emily Dickinson

Reflections of Life

Herman Edward Rainey was born on December 18, 1934 in Newark, New Jersey, son of Mary Maude Bennett and Hazel Lorraine Rainey. He was a resident of Roselle, New Jersey for many years.

Waverly, as he was affectionately known, became employed by Sealand at the Elizabeth Port in Elizabeth, New Jersey at the age of 18. He retired as a Longshoreman after thirty-eight years.

He was a faithful member of Heard A.M.E. Church in Roselle where he was a volunteer for the Heard A.M.E. Food Bank and member of the Men's Fellowship of the church. He received the Man of the Year Award from the church in 2007.

Waverly loved Atlantic City and the New York Giants. He was also an avid walker. It has been said the he walked to Heaven.

Herman Edward Rainey departed this life on Monday, August 22, 2011 at Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth at the age of 76. He was predeceased by his parents, Mary and Waverly Rainey; three children, Elizabeth Davis, Maurice Davis and Darrel Brice and a brother, Lawrence Rainey.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his wife, Hazel Walker Rainey of Roselle, NJ; his children, Marion Rainey and Terry Rainey, Herman Rainey, Jr., George Walker, Jr., Carla Walker and Colette Walker; a sister, Catherine Booth of Newark, NJ; sixteen grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; a goddaughter, Brittney Autry; six sisters-in-law, Mary Hurling, Arlene Carmichael, Carolyn Williams, Arvetta Farmer, Helen Boyd and Louise Massey; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,
The Family



Precious



Memories



Order of Service

Organ Prelude Sister Marsha Livingston

Processional Clergy and Family

A Parting View The Family

Hymn of Comfort “I Am On The Battlefield For My Lord”
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Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. James Coaxum, III

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo Sister Marsha Livingston

Words of Comfort Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Pastor
Bibleway Deliverance Center – Roselle, NJ
Rev. Milton A. Byrd, Pastor
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church – Roselle, NJ
Rev. Dr. James Coaxum, III, Pastor
St. James Church – Atlantic City, NJ
Pastor Pierre Eloi
First Haitian Church of Roselle, NJ

Solo Sister Ella Spears

Reflections . Local 1233 Longshoreman Retiree Association

Tributes Mr. Aaron Smith
Ms. Carla Walker

Acknowledgements & Condolences

Obituary

Solo Sister Joann Drake

Eulogy..... Rev. Archie Cummings, Jr.

Recessional “I Believe I Can Fly”

Interment Rosehill Cemetery, Linden, NJ

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to return to Heard A.M.E. Church in Roselle where a repast will be served.

Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of **Herman Rainey**

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends of **Herman Rainey**

I've changed my address to Heaven

I've crossed the Great Divide.

I know there's no sorrow or crying,

Because I've reached the other side.

I am so happy to be here, for the Lord Himself I see.

I've changed my address to Heaven,

That's the place where you'll find me.

I've changed my address to Heaven,

I bid this world goodbye.

I now live forever with Jesus in my new home in the sky.

I have no burdens or heartaches

and from tears I am now free.

I've changed my address to Heaven,

That's the place to find me.

I've changed my address to Heaven,

I'm safe forevermore. For the Lord built a mansion

and my name is on the door.

You can find us walking together,

for where He is, I'll always be.

I've changed my address to Heaven,

That's the place you'll find me.

Herman Rainey

12 Gates to the City Avenue

Godstown, Heaven 77777

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Herman Rainey** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers.*

May God continue to richly bless you.

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