

In Loving Memory of
Samuel A. Crawford

Sunrise

March 7, 1939

Sunset

December 6, 2011



Sunday, December 11, 2011 - 5:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

1066 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

Rev. Phillip Gilmore, Officiating

Reflection of Life

Samuel Alexander Crawford was born in Staunton, Virginia to the late Saint Anthony Crawford, Jr. and Nancy Elaine Dowton Crawford on March 7, 1939. He departed this life on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at the Saint Michael's Hospital in Newark, New Jersey.

After graduating from Booker T. Washington in Staunton, Virginia, he moved to Brooklyn, New York where he took up the trade of a printer. On June 17, 1961, Samuel was united in marriage to Virginia M. Newell. Samuel decided to go into business for himself, that business was in Washington, DC. There Samuel went into the soft-serve ice cream business with brothers, Jacob and Abraham. While in Washington, he went to school to get his trucker drivers license. After receiving his CDL he went into business for himself as an owner, operator truck driver "Linden Buck" in Linden, NJ.

In December 2010, Samuel asked the Lord Jesus to come into his heart for forgiveness and solution.

Samuel is survived by his wife, Virginia Crawford; six children, Faith Denise Newell of Newark, New Jersey, Samuel L. Crawford (Mercedes) of Pasadena, California, David A. Crawford (Mimi) of Newton, Pennsylvania, Daniel Crawford of Newark, New Jersey, Gary C. Crawford of Newark, New Jersey and Angel L. Crawford of Newark, New Jersey; seven grandchildren, Catherine Matthews (Antoine) of Georgia, Rebecca L. Crawford, Daniel I. Crawford, Jasmine A. Anderson, Jada A. Anderson, Marissa F. Hsu and Adam G. Crawford; three great-grandchildren, Jeremiah, Madison, and Morgan Mathews; six brothers Saint Anthony III (Leotha) of Toledo, Ohio, Joseph of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Moses of Staunton, Virginia, James (Alese) of Queens, New York, and Abraham of Staunton, Virginia; three sisters, Mable Wilson (Stewart Jr.) of Staunton, Virginia, Elaine Jordan of Queens, New York, and Cynthia of Staunton, Virginia; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, co-workers and friends.

Preceding him in death was his parents, brothers, Jacob and Ebenzer, brother-in-law, Phillip Newell.

We would like to give a special thanks to the Saint John family in prayer for him. God saw him getting weaker and weaker he did what he thought best, he put his arms around him and called him home to rest.

*Love is Eternal,
The Family*

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Reflections of Family and Friends

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Phillip Gilmore

Recessional

Interment

Oak Lawn Cemetery

Staunton, Virginia

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

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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