

Home Going Service  
Celebrating the Life of  
**Deacon Edward E. Bratton**

*Sunrise*  
*July 4, 1948*

*Sunset*  
*December 12, 2011*

*Friday, December 16, 2011*  
*Seven O'Clock in the Evening*

**MONUMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

121 LaFayette Street  
Jersey City, New Jersey

*Rev. Joseph L. Jones, Sr., Pastor*

## Obituary



**Deacon Edward Ezekiel Bratton** was born July 4, 1948 to Charles and Rebecca Bratton in Columbia, South Carolina.

Edward attended grammar school in South Carolina and later relocated to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he attended Snyder High School, played football and graduated with honors. He also played for the Wilkies Basketball team. After graduating high school, he attended Princeton University, Lincoln University, then graduating from Jersey City State College.

Ed's work experience included Block Drugs, American Can Company and Ryerson Steele, he also briefly worked as a long shore man. He was a teacher for the Jersey City School District, before he became employed for the United States Postal Service for thirty-eight years.

Edward gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized at a young age. As an adult, he became a walking deacon for many years and was later installed. He served many years before being elevated to Chairman of the deacon board of Monumental Baptist Church, a position that he held for over ten years.

Edward is survived by: his loving mother, Rebecca C. Bratton; three daughters, Lauren, Tanya and Tameka; five brothers, Charles, Alvin, John (Doris), Dana (Joy) and Michael; one grandson, Jared J. Martinez; three god-sisters and one god-brother; ten adopted sisters and two adopted brothers. Also a host of loving nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Edward was preceded in death by his father, Charles Bratton, Sr. and his daughter, Tiffany Bratton.

# Order of Service

Reverend Joseph L. Jones, Officiating

## Final Viewing

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Hymn of Consolation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... Deacon Alex Watson

New Testament ..... Nyree Williamson

Prayer of Comfort ..... Deacon Lorenzo Richardson

Musical Selection ..... Margaret Sanders

Acknowledgements

& Condolences ..... Diane Hinton

Remarks ..... (Please limit to 2 minutes)

Reading of the Obituary ..... Marilyn McKnight

Musical Selection ..... Reverend Annie Rea Jones

Eulogy ..... Reverend Joseph L. Jones

Recessional ..... Organist Carol Oliver Fair



**Interment**  
Bayview Cemetery  
Jersey City, New Jersey



## ***“I Hope To See You All Again”***

*You've all gathered here to say goodbye;  
I sincerely hope you all had your final cry;  
God has saved me by his amazing grace;  
Now I reside in the best place; Love truly covers a  
multitude of sin; Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, a  
Christian's best friend; The bible says: “To be absent  
from the body is to be present with the Lord”  
Finally, I can see the face of the one I adore;  
Don't worry about me saints. I've been washed of  
my sins; With love, “I hope to see you all again”*

*~Edward*



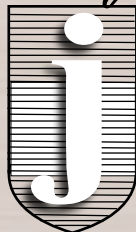
### ***Acknowledgement***

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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***Professional Services Entrusted To:***

***jackson funeral residence***



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