

*Celebrating the Life of*  
***Rayton G. Wedderburn***

*Sunrise*  
*September 4, 1942*

*Sunset*  
*April 25, 2012*

*Service*

Thursday, May 3, 2012 - 8:00 p.m.

**BRIDGE HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

12-18 North 5th Street

Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Andrew R. Bennett, Sr., Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Royton George Wedderburn** was born September 4th, 1942 in Islington St. Mary, Jamaica to Laurel Wedderburn and Lethian Patby.

He was the first child of six children. He attended Hillside School where he completed his formal education in Jamaica, West Indies.

At a very early age, it became apparent to Roy's parents that he had a mind of his own and a will to make life for himself. Roy left St. Mary and sought to begin his own family in St. Thomas, where he lived almost thirty years until he migrated to the United States of America in search of a better life for himself and his children.

Roy was a great man. He was affectionately called "Poppy Norman". He was a very dedicated, loving, sympathetic, helpful, self-sacrificing father and incomparable grandfather and a true gentleman to everyone he met. Poppy Norman was a gentle giant, humble, good natured and kind spirited person.

Roy was always happy to be of service to everyone, this continued to be evident when one sits and has a moment to recall the number of persons who have come to the United States with Roy's help.

Roy's personifies Love. The way he cared for his children up until his moments, has left a legacy that his children and grandchildren are blessed to hold dear for generations to come. Roy was a good cook, and he spent long hours cooking, not only would he cook but when he cooked the entire community could be fed, "somebody may drop by and have a bite." His grandchildren could often be overheard talking about their grandpa's suga dumpling... and fried chicken.

Roy was the first person in Paterson to have started the business of transporting employees to and from work and it did not matter where the nursing homes were where these employees worked. Roy worked at Lland Fair House for over thirty years.

Roy lived a life actively seeking forgiveness for all of his shortcomings and would openly speak with his children about the things he could have done better even as it relates to his children's mothers. His first child Dorrette recalls how he braided her hair and would take her to school on his bicycle every day rain or shine.

Roy was ushered away out of all his pain on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. His strong elegant presences will be most remembered and his legacy for caring for loved ones will live on in the fond memories of his family. He is now healed in the presence of the Lord.

Roy was predeceased by his parents and his uncle, Vincent Patby.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his children, Dorrette, Jacqueline, Andrea, Karlene, Sherine, Ann-Marie, Christopher, George and Anecia; twenty-five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; four brothers, Michael, Owen, Norval and Almond; two sisters, Jennifer and Lucille; three sons-in-law; four step sisters; one step brother; a very special dear cousin, Peter Johnson; special friends, Ida and Cindy; and a host of nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude ..... (Music)

Opening Sentences ..... Rev. Andrew R. Bennett, Sr.

Hymn ..... “Precious Memories”

Prayer

First Reading - Isaiah 40:28-31 ..... Dec. Damar Grant

Song ..... Shanelle Johnson

Second Reading - John 11:17-27 ..... Elma Wedderburn

Hymn - Offertory ..... “Shall We Gather At The River”

Eulogy ..... Lakesha Jackson

Song ..... Sis. Dorrett Wedderburn

Sermon ..... Rev. Andrew R. Bennett, Sr.

Prayer for the Family

Closing Hymn ..... “When Peace Like A River”

Recessional

## **Interment**

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

## *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.*

*-Author unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the late **Royton G. Wedderburn** 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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