


*A Celebration of Life
for
Robert Eugene Jones*

Sunrise
December 22, 1944

Sunset
September 24, 2012



*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

Service

Friday, September 28, 2012 – 11:00 A.M.

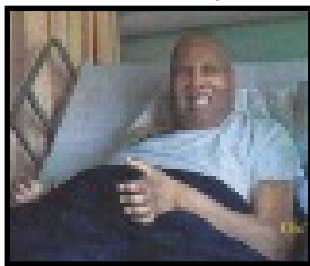
Abyssinian Baptist Church

224 West Kinney Street

Newark, New Jersey 07103

Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons, Jr. Pastor

Obituary



Robert Eugene Jones departed this life on Monday, September 24, 2012 at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey. **Robert** was the eldest child of the late Eugene Jones and Louise Jones. He was born on December 22, 1944 in Newark New Jersey. **Robert** also known as **Ray Ellis** to most of his friends, church members and other musical colleagues, but called **Bobby (Ray Ellis)** by his immediate family and other extended family members. He began singing spiritual songs while he was still in the crib and he started playing the piano when he was 6 years old before he had any formal training.

He graduated from Barringer High School in Newark New Jersey.

Bobby (Ray Ellis) was a faithful member of Abyssinian Baptist Church of Newark New Jersey, Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons, Jr., Pastor. He was choir director and organist for the Adult and Youth choirs for a number of years before his illness and had to relocate to Jay Street Nursing Home in Newark, New Jersey.

He was well known in the music community. As a young teenager, he directed Adult and Youth choirs for Range Temple, Church of God in Christ, Court Street in Newark, New Jersey, New Light Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey just to name a few churches before he settled in at Abyssinian Baptist Church. He traveled all over New Jersey and New York in concert with his singing group. **Bobby (Ray Ellis)** traveled and performed with his band called the **Black Widow Band** on and off for at least thirty years.

Bobby (Ray Ellis) worked on a Newark School Project performing for numerous Elementary School children and Universities under the leadership of Mr. Edward Hardy.

He was preceded in death by his only daughter, Aretha Jones, youngest brother, Reginald Cooper and Keisha Jordon.

Robert Jones leaves to cherish his memory: two brothers, Douglas Jones of Cliffwood, NJ and Rodney Jones of Newark, NJ; three sisters, Cheryl Clark-Dorvil of Harrington, DE, Donna Carter of Roselle, NJ and Holly Michelle Robinson of Orange, NJ; one sister-in-law, Judith Jones; three brothers-in-law, Wagner Dorvil, Steve Carter and Jeffery Robinson Sr.; five nieces, Tracey Jones, Damonya Bronson, Jamira Young, Janeen Cooper and Tamaría Jones; four great-nieces; three nephews, Taj Jones, Jamal Clark and Jeffery Robinson Jr.; one great-nephew, Michael Jr. (MJ); and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional..... Clergy and Family

Prayer of ComfortRev. Tyrone Carter

Opening Hymn“Blessed Assurance” - Congregation

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalms 27: 1-6

New Testament - St. John 14: 1-7

Church Resolution

Acknowledgements & Expressions of Sympathy

Reading of Obituary

SoloRodney Jones

Eulogy..... Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons Jr.

Final Viewing

SoloSis. M. Wilson

Recessional

Entombment

Hollywood Cemetery
Union, New Jersey

*Friends are invited to join the family for a repast,
immediately following the Entombment,
in the church Fellowship Hall.*

Pall Bearers

Douglas Jones
Jamal Clark

Rodney Jones
Rev. Tyrone Carter

Come To Me

*God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come to me"
With tearful eyes, we watched you
And saw you pass away
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

Acknowledgement

The family of **Robert Eugene Jones** would like to thank all who have extended their support and acts of kindness during their time of bereavement. God each of you for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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