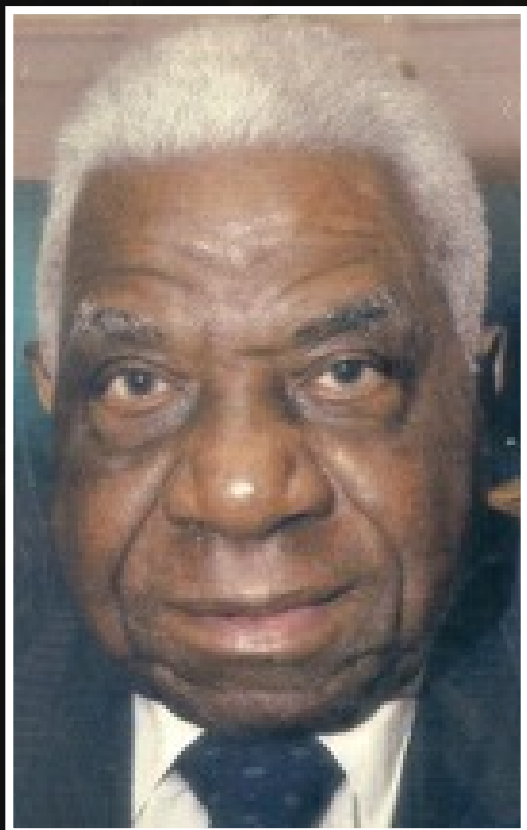


*Celebrating the Life of*



*Marcellus Melson*

**Sunrise**  
February 8, 1914

**Sunset**  
October 15, 2012

*Service*

Friday, October 19, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
375 Van Houten Street  
Paterson, New Jersey  
*Rev. David Thornton, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Marcellus Melson** was born in Coweta County, Georgia on February 8, 1914 to the late Lovie Dunson and Walker Melson. He attended McClelland Academy in Newnan, Georgia, Fort Valley State College and received an MA in Education from New York University (NYU), Marcellus and Laurretta met in Newman, Georgia as teenagers. Although Laurretta attended high school in Tennessee, their friendship continued in college, and he married his childhood sweetheart.

Prior to moving to Paterson, New Jersey, Marcellus and his late wife taught school in Georgia. After relocating to New Jersey, he worked in the accounting offices at Curtiss Wright Aeronautical Corporation and NYC Dryden Press. For more than twenty years, he took pride in educating and motivating children as an English Teacher at Public School in Paterson. He loved reading, gardening, music and played the piano as well as cheering for the Mets, win or lose. His steadfast faith in God was the foundation for his role as an elder at the St. Augustine and the United Presbyterian Churches, Paterson. At ninety-eight years of age he would still talk about his belief in God's Promises and pray daily.

He was predeceased by his wife of fifty-nine years, Laurretta (Parks) Melson, infant daughter, Terry and eight brothers and sisters.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: a devoted daughter, Cathy Melson Hampton; two grandchildren, Robyn Marcel Hampton and Conrad Robert Hampton; three great grandsons, Quashaun, Conrad,II, and Xavier Hampton; son-in-law, Dr. Robert Lewis Hampton; special niece, Phyllis Melson Brinkley; godson, Shawn and Emma DeLane; godson, Jessie Milner, Emma Urquhart; caregiver, Laura Ellis; several nieces, nephews and many brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mr. Melson, as he was so fondly called, will be remembered as a caring, giving person and a man of dignity, strength, and faith who loved wearing nice suits.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude ..... Ms. Suzanne LaRobadier  
Director of Music

Call to Worship ..... Rev. Dr. David B. Thornton,  
Pastor, Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church • Pittsburgh, PA

Opening Sentences

Prayer of Invocation ..... Rev. Dr. David B. Thornton

Opening Congregational Hymn .....#276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 23

Reading of the Obituary

Reading of Resolution(s)  
and Acknowledgements

Poetry ..... Mr. Conrad Hampton

Solo ..... "My Soul Is Anchored In The Lord"  
Mr. Conrad Hampton

Eulogy Text (s) ..... Rev. Dr. David B. Thornton

Special Choir Selection

Eulogy ..... Rev. David Thornton

Closing Musical Selection .....#260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"  
Congregation

Closing Prayer and Benediction .....Rev. Dr. David Thornton

## **Entombment**

Laurel Grove Cemetery  
Totowa, New Jersey

*Immediately following the Entombment, the family requests all to join them back at the United Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall for a repast.*

## God Has Plans

For those who live  
And those who die  
For those who seek  
And those who try  
To do the things  
That God wants done  
Our God wants done  
And peace will come.  
By Kenneth E. Overby  
January 3, 1977

### *Music For Consideration*

*Give Thanks For Life, The Hymnal* ..... Pg. 528 - Choir  
*Almighty Fortress Is Our God*.....Pg. 260  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*.....Pg. 276  
*Selection* ..... "My Soul Is Anchored"  
Conrad Robert Hampton, Grandson

### Pallbearers

Conrad Robert Hampton      Jesse Milner, Jr.  
Shawn DeLane                      Jesse Milner III

### *Acknowledgement of Appreciation*

*The family of the late Marcellus Melson sincerely appreciate the many comforting calls, messages, floral arrangements and expressions of sympathy and love. Special thanks to the staff at Carnie P. Bragg Funeral Home, Inc.*

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