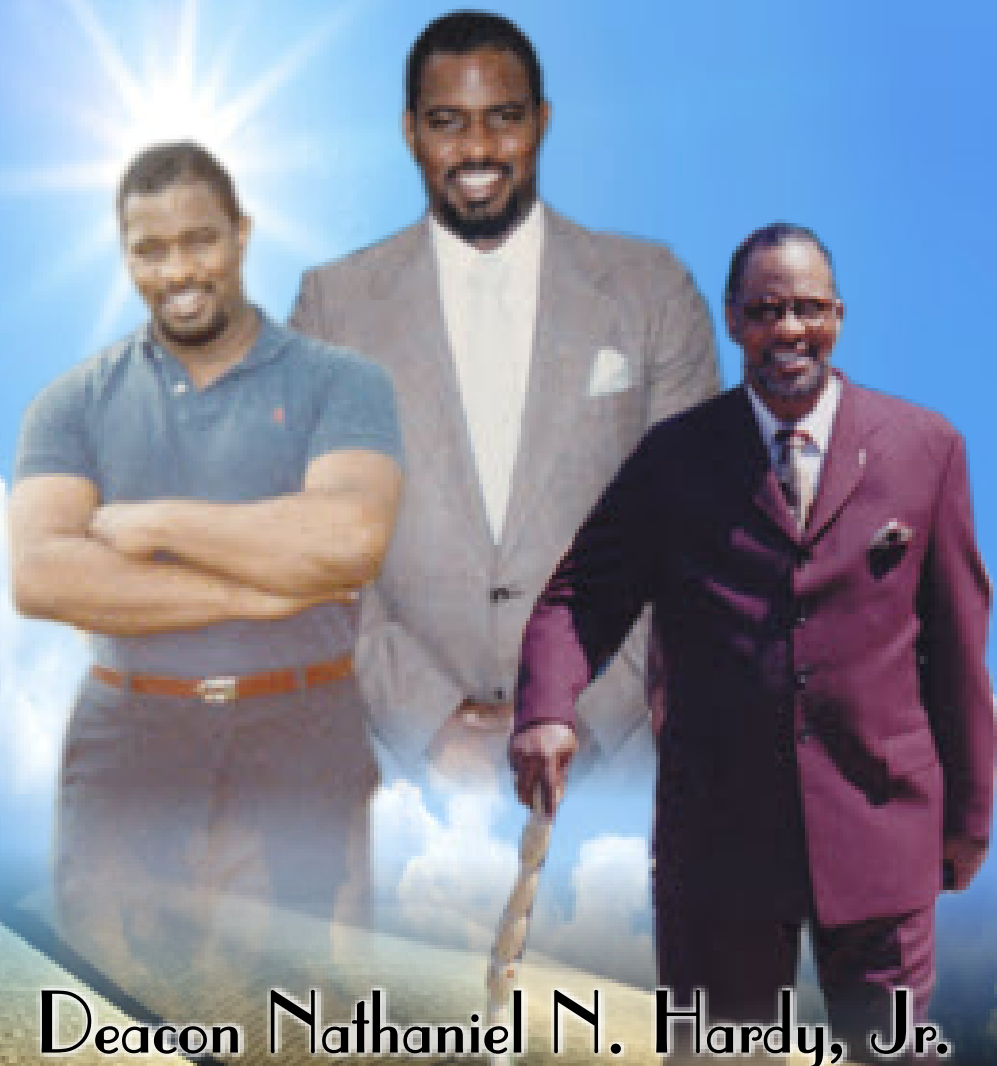


A Celebration of Life For



Deacon Nathaniel N. Hardy, Jr.  
"Mitch"

Sunrise  
*August 24, 1950*

Sunset  
*November 11, 2012*

Services

*Saturday, November 17, 2012 - 12:00 Noon*

**New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church**

*418 13th Avenue • Newark, NJ*

*Rev. Robert H. Clegg, Pastor*

## Obituary

*Nathaniel N. Hardy, Jr.* was born August 24, 1950 in Kansas City, Missouri to Nathaniel Hardy, Sr., and the late Edith Hazel Patterson. He departed this life on November 11, 2012.

*Nathaniel*, affectionately known as "Mitch," was a resident of East Orange, New Jersey.

*Mitch* attended school in Newark and in the mid-west, graduating in 1968 from Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. After high school, *Mitch* served in the United States Marines. He was a long time employee with the Newark Board Education until he became disabled.

*Mitch* was a devoted and adoring husband to his wife Victoria, to whom he was united in holy matrimony on July 4, 1987. The loving couple re-dedicated themselves to one another on July 7, 2012 as they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. *Mitch* was a loving and caring father, always singing the praises of his four sons – Ramon, Nathaniel III, Javon and Calvin.

In 1986, he joined Ephesian Baptist Church, which was later named New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church. *Mitch* was a dedicated servant of the Lord and sang in the church's Try Christ, Celestial, and Male Choirs. In 2004 *Mitch* was ordained as a Deacon where his service to the Lord and to New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church increased. In addition to serving on the choirs, he taught Sunday school and assisted in the Youth Ministry and Vacation Bible School. Deacon Hardy also labored with love alongside his Pastor by visiting and praying for sick Church members.

In addition to being a dedicated servant of God and Christ, husband, father, Deacon and friend, *Mitch* was also a talented singer and used his gift by singing lead in several bands in the Metropolitan area for over 30 years. *Mitch* will always be remembered for his winning smile, his infectious personality, his unique voice and his willingness to lend a helping hand whenever called upon.

Deacon Hardy leaves to cherish his memory his wife Deaconess Victoria Hardy; sons, Ramon Hardy, Nathaniel Hardy III, Javon Hardy, and Calvin Hardy; grandchildren, Ade'Shah Dickerson and Sincire Hardy; father, Nathaniel Hardy Sr; brother, Keith Hardy; aunts Bobbie Brunson, Margie Jackson, Bessie Jackson, and Jacqueline McKnight; brothers-in-law; Ellsworth Whitney, Robert Whitney and wife Holly, Tensley Whitney, Terry Whitney, and Phillip Whitney and wife Faye; sisters-in-law, Allinda Whitney, April Whitney, and Tuesday Whitney; nieces Tanya Whitney-Jones, Velvor Mitchell, Asia Whitney, Velve Webb, Kyla Whitney, Kiarra Whitney, Andrea Whitney and Chase Whitney-Williams; nephews Rayrickie Whitney-Owens, Marquis Whitney, Kevin Whitney, Akeem Webb, Phillip Whitney Jr. and Rayrickie Whitney-Owens Jr. and a host of other relatives church members and friends.

# Order of Service

*Musical Prelude*

*Processional*

*Hymn of Consolation* ..... “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Selection* ..... NCMBC Combined Choir

*Remarks* ..... (limited to 2 minutes please)

*Solo*..... Crystal Hardy

*Reading of Obituary*..... Roslyn Hardy

*Selection*..... Sir Joshua Nelson

*Eulogy*..... Rev. Robert H. Clegg, Pastor

*Recessional* ..... “I’ll Fly Away” #432



**Cremation**  
Rosedale Crematory  
Orange New Jersey



*Family and friends are invited for a repast immediately following the cremation at New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship hall .*

# As We Look Back

As we look back over time  
We find ourselves wondering .....  
Did we remember to thank you enough  
For all you have done for us?  
For all the times you were by our sides  
To help and support us .....  
To celebrate our successes  
To understand our problems  
And accept our defeats?  
Or for teaching us by your example,  
The value of hard work, good judgment,  
Courage and integrity?  
We wonder if we ever thanked you  
For the sacrifices you made.  
To let us have the very best?  
And for the simple things  
Like laughter, smiles and times we shared?  
If we have forgotten to show our  
Gratitude enough for all the things you did,  
We're thanking you now.  
And we are hoping you knew all along,  
How much you meant to us.

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The family of **Deacon Nathaniel N. Hardy, Jr.** acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. May God bless each of you.

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