

Homegoing Celebration for



Raymond Grier, Sr.

Sunrise
August 20, 1954

Sunset
April 8, 2013

Service

Friday, April 12, 2013 - 7: 00 p.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev William Davidson, Jr., Officiating

Reflections of Life

Mr. Raymond “Big Boy” Grier returned to the Lords loving hands on Monday, April 8, 2013 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Passaic, NJ. After long and brave battle, he fought a good fight. He was born in Passaic, NJ on August 20, 1954 to the late James Grier, Sr. and the late Thelma Grier.

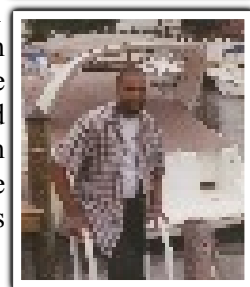
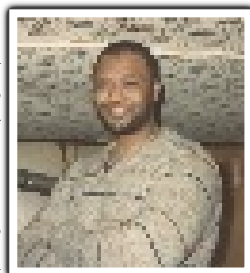
Mr. Grier was educated in the Passaic, NJ School System thereafter he enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in Fort Bragg, NC where he received his military training until he was discharged.

Upon his return from the military Raymond held several jobs over a period of time that he enjoyed doing. One was with Service Plumbing and Supply Company on Monroe Street in Passaic where he enjoyed working and has a great bond with his co-workers and customers. He also was employed at the Hamilton Plaza Nursing Facility in Passaic for a short period of time where he also enjoyed working and socializing with the staff and residents. Big Boy’s presence on and around the streets of Passaic was undeniable for as big as he was his body was just a portal for the wonderful soul inside.

Mr. Grier or “Big Boy” as he was affectionately known was a larger than life presence both in physical size and in his sprit and was loved by many. Raymond was a lifelong NY Giants fan and could often be heard ranting about his beloved Giants up until his last days. Big Boy also had a brief stint as a lineman on a semi pro football team.

In addition to his parents Big Boy was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald Grier formerly of Passaic, NJ and Colester Grier of Shelby, NC.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his daughter, Deshawn “Big Shawn” Thorpe of Paterson, NJ; two sons, Raymond, Jr. of Raleigh, NC and Joshua Gathers of Passaic, NJ; five sisters, Irene Figueroa of Passaic, NJ, Rose Marie Wells of Bloomfield, NJ, Linda “Nut” Grier of Montclair, NJ and Lucille Grier McKinney of Little Falls, NJ; four brothers, James Grier, Jr. of East Rutherford, NJ, Howard Grier of Trenton, NJ, Russell Greir of Upstate NY and Warren Grier of Passaic, NJ; one grandchild, Tahkira Willis of Charlotte, NC; two-in-laws, Celeste Bird Grier and Peter McKinney; also a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, friends and associates.



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Michael Willis

Acknowledgements

and Reflections

Reflections of Life

Tonoah Grier-Carter

Selection

Tracey Carter

Remarks

Eulogy

Rev. William Davis, Pastor
Roger Williams Baptist Church

Recessional

Cremation

Cedar Lawn Crematory
Paterson, New Jersey

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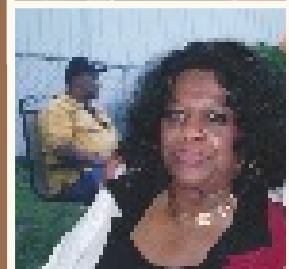
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His Journey's Just Begun

*Don't think of him as gone away
his journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one.*

*Just think of him resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.*

*Think how he must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away*

*And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he was loved so much.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Raymond Greir, Jr.** 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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