



Homegoing Celebration for

*Richard "Sonny" Swinney*

**Sunrise**

February 23, 1926

**Sunset**

May 16, 2013

*Service*

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Alice Meares, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

*Richard Houston Swinney was born on February 23, 1926 in Dillon, SC to the late Richard Melvin Swinney and Caroline Bethea Swinney. He was the only child.*

*He was united in marriage to the late Wilhelmina Dixon. To this union, five children were born, the late Houston Swinney, Jr., the late Alando Swinney, Henry and Seneca Swinney and one daughter, Patricia Swinney.*

*He was an army veteran. Richard was a compassionate husband and father. He worked at Provincetown Printing, Passaic until he retired.*

*He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving and caring daughter, Patricia; two sons, Henry and Seneca; seven grandchildren, Cassandra, Danielle, Tiffany, Rochona, Tasheba, Kutia and Najee; eleven great-grandchildren, Essence, Ciaja, Emajee', Natya, Amis, Anyah, Juni, Shanya, Donte, Miracle and Amari; and a host of family members.*

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements  
and Reflections

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy ..... Alice Meares

Recessional



## **Interment**

Arlington Cemetery  
Kearny, New Jersey

# *I Needed The Quiet*

*I needed the quiet so He drew me aside,  
Into the shadows where we could confide.  
Away from the bustle where all the day long  
I hurried and worried when active and strong.*

*I needed the quiet tho' at first I rebelled  
But gently, so gently, my cross He upheld.  
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things  
Tho' weakened in body, my spirit took wings  
To heights never dreamed of when active and gay.  
He loved me so greatly, He drew me away.*

*I needed the quiet. No prison, my bed,  
But a beautiful valley of blessings instead -  
A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide.  
I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside.*

*-Alice H. Mortenson*

## *A Note of Thanks*

*Perhaps you sent or spoke comforting words, Or helped us to pray  
Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day.  
Perhaps you rendered a service- Unseen, right here or from afar.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts. We thank you sincerely,  
Whatever the part.*

*The family*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the late **Richard Houston Swinney** 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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