

*Homegoing Service  
Celebrating the Life of*



*William Earl Byrd*

*“Bubba”*

*Sunrise*

*October 21, 1943*

*Sunset*

*June 28, 2013*

Service

Monday, July 8, 2013 – 11:00 am

**Zion Temple FPC of America, Inc.**

31 East Eighteenth Street

Linden, New Jersey 07036

**Honorable Bishop G. Leach, D. D., Pastor**

**Elder Leon Thompson, Assistant Pastor, Officiating**

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Selection .....FPC of America Choir

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 14:3-4

Solo..... Mikal Brightwell

Reflections..... Clergy

Family Tribute .....Frank Evans, Family and Friends

Solo .....Theodore Pendleton

Acknowledgment of Condolences

Solo.....Sister Desireé Pendleton

Selection..... FPC of America Choir

Eulogy .....Elder Leon Thompson

Recessional.....“Going Up Yonder”

## Cremation

Rosehill Crematory

Linden, New Jersey 07036

*Immediately after the committal service family and friends  
are invited to return back to the church for the repast.*

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*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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## *Remembering William*

**William Earl “Bubba” Byrd** was born on October 21, 1943 in Dothan, Alabama, son of the late Howard Byrd and Annie Sattford Byrd. He was one of ten siblings.

William’s parents later moved to Newark, New Jersey where he received his formal education.

As a young man, he joined the United States Army and fought in the Vietnam War where he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Vietnam Service Medal. After completing his tour of duty, William worked several jobs until he started his career as a Tractor Trailer Driver for Pathmark Foods in Avenel.

William’s hobbies was watching Western movies, taking care of his truck and eating his apple pies. He adored his family, especially his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Billy Byrd; three brothers: Johnny Matthew, Eugene and Douglas Byrd; four sisters: Maryann Byrd, Ruth Peterman, Sylvia Elizabeth Byrd and Linda Love.

William Earl Byrd passed away on Friday, June 28, 2013 at Father Hudson House in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He will be truly missed.

William leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife, Kathryn Byrd; two daughters: Manisha and Kimberly Brightwell of Linden, New Jersey; three sons: Mikal Brightwell of Linden, New Jersey, Derrick Rhymes of East Orange, New Jersey and Frank Evans of Linden, New Jersey; two sisters: Geraldine Byrd of East Orange, New Jersey and Margaret Adusei of Newark, New Jersey; two grandchildren: Eric Rhymes and Deja Elliot; three great-grandchildren: Liliana Brightwell, London Harris and Mikal Brightwell, Jr.; three brothers-in-law: Nana Adusei of Newark, New Jersey, Bobby Love of Boston, Massachusetts and Nathaniel Brightwell of Linden, New Jersey; four sisters-in-law: Barbara Stafford, Brenda Byrd of Newark, New Jersey, Ester Blaine and Betty Sutherland of Linden, New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Sorrowfully submitted,  
The Family

Our Hero



# To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me,  
I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author unknown*

## PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends of **William Earl Byrd**

### *Perhaps*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or sat quietly in a chair,  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,  
If so, we saw it there  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
As any friend could say,  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day  
Whatever you did to console our hearts  
We thank you so much whatever the part.

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **William Earl Byrd** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

