



Sunrise August 27, 1966 Sunset July 21, 2013

<u>Service</u> Tuesday, July 30, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

### **NEW A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**

153 Lawrence Place Paterson, New Jersey *Rev. Robert Russell, Officiating* 

**Reflections of Life** 

**Willie Joe Hobson** was born on August 27, 1966 in Passaic, NJ to the late Richard Hobson and Georgette (Jackson) Hobson. He attended the Paterson Public School System and was a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, Class of 1984.

Willie was a hard working man. By profession he was a truck driver, however he was a talented carpenter. Willie was very good with his hands and there was no task too challenging for him. One of the jokes around the house was the "Duct tape was his friend."

Willie whose nick name was "Big Will" owned and operated his own truck. He also was a driver for Marcal and Carisillo Trucking for several years.

"Big Will" enjoyed bowling and had the trophies to show how good his skills were. Willie also loved to travel locally and internationally. He learned how to enjoy life's big and small pleasantries.

On October 4, 2002 Willie married the love of his life Tonya. It was love at first sight and they were inseparable. They shared eleven years of marriage and twenty years as best friends and business partners. Willie and Tonya also raised four dogs that he loved Princess, Louie, and the late Roc and Amber.

Willie was an excellent father and he loved his son, Willie Jr. He was a loyal friend and great neighbor. He was extremely helpful by nature and loved to be of assistance.

Willie will be remembered for his infectious smile and sense of humor. He could be a jokester and would keeping you laughing for hours. He loved people and people loved him. Willie was the most kind and generous man you would ever meet and he will definitely be missed by all who knew him.

He was predeceased by his father Richard Hobson and father in law William Sykes.

On Sunday, July 21, 2013 Willie Joe Hobson was called home to be with the Lord. God needed a new Angel that was handy, had a great smile, sense of humor and was humble, when he called on Willie of course he could not say no.

Willie leaves to cherish precious memories his beloved wife and friend Tonya Sykes Hobson; son Willie Joe Hobson, Jr.; mother Georgette (Jackson) Hobson; brothers: Cornelius and Richard Hobson; mother in law Dolores Sykes Williams; brothers in law: William Jr., Jason and Jarrad Sykes, Larry Forbes; sister in law Amanda Allen; godchildren: Jasmyne Sanders, Orlando Jr., Raven and Destin Jackson; devoted friends: Curtis Burton, Orlando Jackson, Sr., Christopher Johnson and Eddie Dominick; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, friends and neighbors.

Willie Joe Hobson was a loving Husband, Father, Son, Brother, Uncle, Cousin and Friend. He was a honorable man and truly loved his family. We will miss you "Big Will."

Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional	
Words of Assurances	
Hymn of Praise	"When We All Get To Heaven"
The Scripture Lessons	
The Prayer of Comfort	
Selection	"His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Brenda Mickens
Acknowledgements and Resolutions	Dale Thomas
Reflections of Life	Dale Thomas
Selection/Hymn	"To God Be The Glory" Shawn McDowell
Words of Comfort	Rev. Robert Russell

Recessional

<u>Interment</u> Fair Lawn Cemetery Fair Lawn, New Jersey

#### Pallbearers

Jason Sykes Curtis Burton Willie Hobson, Jr. Jarrad Sykes Orlando Jackson Jarrad Sykes, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers Eddie Dominick Cornelious Hobson Richard Hobson

# Heaven And Earth

By Karen McCombs

When the warmth of the sun touches my face, I see your smile and feel your embrace. I hear the whisper of love in the wind And I know that you are close to me again.

The rain speaks of tears and the thunder of pain, But soon the sun comes the earth to reclaim.

As the days come and go and the world moves on, I know you're still here, you'll never be gone.

On the night the Angel came and took your hand, We cried as you left for an unknown land.

But Heaven rejoiced as you came into sight, For your soul was a diamond, shining so bright!

### Acknowledgement

On behalf of our family, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all the love shown to us in our time of bereavement. Please know all the calls, visits, cards and food deliveries were much appreciated, and undoubtedly will never go unnoticed. We are blessed to be a blessing and you have truly expressed that in all you're giving.

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