

Home Going Celebration Service For



Brother Cenus Franklin, Jr.

Sunrise
October 25, 1937

Sunset
November 12, 2013

Service

Tuesday, November 19, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

GREATER REFUGE TEMPLE CHURCH

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Bishop William L. Bonner, Pastor

Bishop Charles Wright, Sr., Eulogist - Assistant Pastor

Obituary

Cenus Franklin, Jr., was born to Mr. Cenus Franklin, Sr. and Mrs. Clara Lofton-Franklin October 25, 1937 in Pollocksville, North Carolina. He was known by the name Major.

He attended Pollocksville Public School. He moved to New York City, met and married Daphne Caines in 1970, one child was born to this union. His employment was at Columbia University and Building Services.

Cenus enjoyed the bright lights of New York but one day he knew he needed his life to change. He came to Greater Refuge Temple Church, there he received the Holy Ghost and became a usher. Cenus served faithfully on the male usher board until his health began to fail him, when he was no longer able to serve. He came to church sat at the designated post in the back of the church with his big smile and praise the Lord greeting.

Special thanks to his home care, Mrs. Valerie Brown. His long time friend, Deacon Freddie Hodges would travel from Upstate New York to visit Cenus in the Nursing Home along with Refuge Temple Male Usher Members. I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tent of wickedness.

Brother Cenus heard the angels singing Hallelujah, come up higher. A chariot was waiting at 10:45 p.m. he went in the pearly gate, sealed never to return. He departed this life Monday, November 12, 2013. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Daphne; one son, Charles Franklin; one daughter, Angela Johnson; five step children; five grandchildren; four sisters, Adele Shivers, Elva Mae Bizzell, Vivian (Hayward) Kelly and Doris (Clifford) Jordan; one brother, Lawrence Franklin; nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

Submitted by,
The Family

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Selection.....Brotherhood Choir

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 24

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Remarks.....Church Family and Friends (2 minutes please)

Remarks.....Family Members

Solo.....Minister Daryl Wright

Acknowledgement of Cards.....Sis. Cern Williams

Reading of the Obituary.....Missionary Roszines M. Watson

Selection.....Brotherhood Choir

Eulogy.....Bishop Charles Wright, Sr.

Final Viewing.....Choir

Benediction

Repast

Interment

*Goshen Cemetery
Pollocksville, North Carolina*

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

When our load seemed hard to bear, we looked around and you were there. Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps a lovely floral piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

The Family

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