

In Loving Memory of



James Aubrey Stevens, Jr.
"Bumpy"

Sunrise
September 8, 1950

Sunset
November 21, 2013

Service

Tuesday, November 26, 2013 - 1:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

400 Arlington Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey

Death Is Nothing But A Stopping Place

*Death is nothing but a moment's rest
Until the Second Coming of the Lord
When He shall gather to Him of the best to
take them to the place of their reward.
I've felt the power of Jesus in my soul
Shining like a golden sun within,
Melting my hard heart to make me whole,
Burning out the remnants of my sin.
I've felt Him work within me,
So I know The glory that will come when I awake.
I'll sleep just like a child who'll homeward go,
And in my dreams of love great pleasure take.
So do not mourn my death, and do not grieve.
The Lord will come for me: This I believe.*

Your Life

Was A

Blessing
Your Memory A

Treasure

*You are **LOVED** beyond words
and Missed*

*Beyond
Measure*

Reflections of Life

James Aubrey Stevens, Jr. affectionately known as “Bumpy” departed this life on November 21, 2013. Bumpy was born to the late James A. Stevens, Sr. and Dorothy M. Pollard Stevens on September 8, 1950. He was baptized at an early age and lived his life following the Golden Rule.

Bumpy was educated in the Jersey City School system. He attended Ferris High School where he was a member of the track team. He was a proud member of the 1968 Group III 2 mile Relay City Championship team, along with John Knight, Carlyle Stewart and Elijah White. He also set a county record for the 2-mile run and was declared County Champion in 1968. His record held up for at least twenty years.

Bumpy attended Jersey City State College (now NJCU) where he was an active member of the Iota Phi Theta fraternity, the cross-country track team, and lead dancer in the African Dance Group. He was also President of the Black Freedom Society where he was introduced to and had lunch with Bobby Seale when members of the Black Panthers visited the Campus.

Bumpy was employed by the United States Postal Service, retiring in 2005. While at the Post Office he worked as a letter carrier for thirteen years and supervisor of letter carriers and clerks for twenty years. Bumpy was proud of the fact that for twenty-one years of his thirty-three year career he never used any sick days.

Bumpy was known throughout the community for his athletic contributions. He was the Aerobics instructor for the Teen Post and he coached the Jersey City Recreation Bergen-Lafayette Volleyball team to a championship in 1985. He was also passionate about baseball. Starting in 1992, he umpired little league, high school, and Hudson County CYO baseball games and girls’ softball games. He also officiated junior varsity basketball games. Bumpy coached the St. Peter’s Prep freshman outdoor track team to the Jersey City city championship in 1981. He was also afforded the opportunity to umpire at the new Yankee Stadium in 2011. As an avid St. Anthony Friars and NJCU basketball fan, for years he rarely missed any games whether home or away.

“Bump” was the quintessential ‘people person’. With his gift of gab and engaging personality, he made a lasting impression on anyone he met. He loved to dance and during the ‘disco’ era he could be found at The Dome and The Cheetah in Greenwich Village every weekend. (Even at age 63, he enthralled the audience with his famous split when called to the stage at a Las Vegas show in August of this year.) He later became a popular DJ for parties and events throughout Jersey City. He enjoyed playing on the 1987 Morlees championship baseball team with many of his longtime friends. Bump enjoyed photography and photographed several weddings in and around the city.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Linda. After their ‘love-at-first-sight’ meeting, they spent thirty-six years enjoying life together. Travel was their favorite pastime and Bump was the couples ‘travel agent’.

He was predeceased by his father, James Sr. He is also survived by his mother, Dorothy; six sisters, Phyllis of Stone Mountain, GA, Geneva of Willingboro, NJ, Elizabeth of Willingboro, NJ, Patricia of Belleville, NJ, Catherine of Lithonia, GA and Beatrice (Gregory) of Willingboro, NJ; one brother, Robert of Stone Mountain, GA; and a host of aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Congregational Hymn

Scripture

Old Testament Ecclesiastes 3:1,2,&4, Psalm 23
Carlota Butler

New Testament John 14:1-7
Rev. Jerome Stradford

Prayer of Comfort Karen Ridley

Solo “The Lord’s Prayer”
Herman Hammond

Acknowledgements/Obituary Reading Quaitra Bynum

Remarks/Tribute (2 minutes please) Charles Brown
Phil Webb
Juanita Hodge
Craig Brown
Kabili Taari

Solo “I Won’t Complain”
Andrew Kemp

Eulogy Rev. Anthony J. White
New Bethel Baptist Church

Benediction

Recessional

If You Could See Me Now

*If you could see me now you wouldn't shed a tear.
Though you may not understand why I'm no longer there.
Remember my spirit that is the real me because I'm still very
Much alive, I've just been set free, Oh, if you could only see!
I have beheld our Father's face and I've touched my Savior's
Hand. All of Heaven's angels rejoiced as I entered the promised
land. Beyond the gates of pearl I've walked on the golden streets.
I've touched the walls of jasper and dipped my foot in the Crystal
sea. The beauty is beyond words and nothing could compare, I've
seen your mansion and someday I'll meet you there. Let Jesus be
your guide because His Word will show you the way! So please
don't cry because we will meet again someday.*



Honorary Pall Bearers

Jeffrey Stevens	Desmond Stevens
Rahsaun Lloyd	Derek Stevens
Irvin Jenkins	Larry Robinson

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