

*A Home Going Celebration*



*Frank Elam*

**Sunrise**

*August 6, 1938*

**Sunset**

*February 8, 2014*

*Service*

Saturday, February 15, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**

221 Myrtle Avenue

Passaic, New Jersey

*Rev. Kourtney Haigler, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Frank Elam** was born in Passaic, New Jersey August 5, 1938. He was the son of Otis Buggs and Annie Elam.

Mr. Elam was educated in the Passaic School system. Frank later served in the United States Army receiving an honorable discharge. He was employed by the Williams Companies Inc. until he retired.

Frank enjoyed traveling, watching this old house on TV. He had a fun loving spirit and was devoted to his family. He loved his children!

Frank also loved the Lord. This love was evident by him joining the Union Baptist Church Passaic.

Frank was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas Elam, sisters, Eleanor Bennett, Audrey Elam, Darlene Buggs and Joan Brown.

On the morning of Saturday, February 8, 2014, God sent an angel and received our beloved Frank into paradise.

Frank leaves to cherish wonderful memories: his beloved wife, Darlene Sturdivant-Elam; seven children, Cheryl Elam (Sammy Singletary), Susan Kirkland of Paterson, Frank Elam, Jr. (Anita) of OK, Sterling Rozier of Texas, Desimond Elam (Tamara) of Pleasantville, NJ, Trent Elam of Garfield, NJ, Michael Kirkland Paterson; one special daughter, Patricia Bough (Marvin); four stepchildren, Gwendolyn Sturdivant of Charlotte, NC, Debbie Sturdivant of Passaic, Kim S. Cottrell (Marvin) of Garfield and Timothy Sturdivant of Passaic; twenty-three grandchildren; twenty-four great grandchildren; five sisters, Margaret Johnson of Passaic, Annie Elam of Teaneck, Barbara Gross of Maryland, Doris Moses of Orange, Mildred Fleming of Cleveland, OH; special friends, Robert, Lena Cannon, Mary Riche, Bertha Water; brothers-in-law, Prentice Watkins (Ruth) of VA, Walter Watkind (Alice) of NC, Joe Watkins (Jackie) of NC, Michael Fairley (Lula) NC; sister-in-law, Geraldine Elam; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo .....Joshua Williams

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgement

and Reflections of Life

Solo .....Evangelist Barbara Daniels

Message of Comfort ..... Pastor Kourtney Haigler

Recessional

**Interment**

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

Clifton, New Jersey

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all...*

*I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the start of day.*

*But now its time I travel alone  
This is only for a while that we must part  
So treasure the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
Though you can't see or touch me I will be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear,  
All my love around you so soft and clear.*

*So grieve not my dear family and friends  
Lift up your heart, celebrate life  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the late **Frank Elam** 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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