

Home Going Celebration
Celebrating the Life of
Elijah “Pop” Swinney



Sunrise
January 31, 1940

Sunset
February 26, 2014

Thursday, March 6, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Clear View Baptist Church

314 Hobson Street

Newark, New Jersey

Reverend Eric Beckham, Officiating

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional and Viewing

Hymn of Praise

The Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Phillip Gilmore

Solo Calvin Pearson

Acknowledgements and Obituary

Reflections

Musical Selection

Eulogy Pastor Eric Beckham

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Following the interment repast will be held at the church.

Pallbearers

Maverick Edward

Christopher Winbush

Winfred Thomas

Dasmond Thomas

G'Wagh Thomas

Travel Henry

Roy Williana

Jason Henry

Reflections of Life

Elijah Swinney known to many as “Pop”, was born to the late Elijah Swinney and Mammie Gibson in Baltimore, MD on January 31, 1940. On February 26, 2014 at 12:13 p.m., God dispatched Angels from Heaven to bring Elijah Swinney home to rest. Elijah Swinney was in Baltimore, MD and was educated in the Baltimore School system.

Later in lie Elijah Swinney moved to Newark, New Jersey where he met and married Joyce Ann Winbush. To this union was born three children, Elijah Swinney, Jr., Carolina Mammie Swinney and Sharon’e Swinney.

Elijah Swinney joined St. John Unified Freewill Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Bishop Curtis D. Gilmore, where he served on the Usher Board and member of the Osat Committee. On October 10, 2004, Elijah Swinney joined Clearview Baptist Church where he was a member of the Evangelistic Ministry, Inspirational Choir, Male Chorus and Usher Board.

Elijah Swinney worked and retired from UPS as a Tractor Trailer Driver in 2007.

Elijah Swinney was predeceased by his parents, Elijah and Mammie Swinney, sons, Elijah Swinney, Jr., Vincient Washington and grandson, Xavier Washington.

Elijah Swinney leave to cherish his children, daughters, Carolina Mammie Simmons (Clifton Simmons, Sr.) of NC, Sharon’e Phelps, Virginia (Ty), Sheila Winbush of Newark, NJ and Sarah Washington of Newark, NJ; sons, Daryl Washington (Marisol) of Delaware and Franklin Washington of Delaware; grandchildren, Zandra Stancil, Denise Simmons Cheriese Thomas, Chad Bryant, Clifton, Jr., Anja Washington, Kyoshia Winbush, Antoinette Phelps, Elijah Ty Phelps, Qwney Phelps; seven great grandchildren; two goddaughters, Bridghette Danzy and Emerald Thomas; special friend, Ms. Annie Mozzell; and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

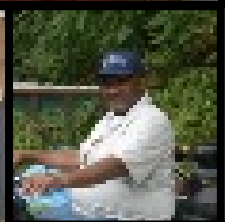
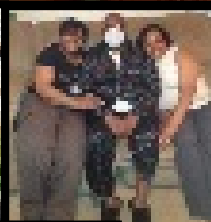
For Daddy

Daddy,

I thought this day would never come but it has. Daddy you are my best friend. I’ve had many wonderful years, Although the phone will never ring again, so I’ll just listen for your call in my heart. Until we meet again, I’ll say good night for now. I love you Daddy, but I knew you loved me more.

Carolina





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 close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Special Acknowledgement

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 on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You,
Whatever the part.
May God Bless You.

Special Thanks To:
Mother Carolyn Nesbit
Min. Ruby Ruth
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Bro. James Cutler
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Sis. Fenece Thomas
Sis. Dorthea Mitchell

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