

*Celebrating the Life
Of
King Solomon Staggers
"Sonny"*



Sunrise: April 6, 1938

Sunset: May 19, 2014

Saturday May 24, 2014

Viewing: 9:00am-Service: 10:00am

New Bethel Baptist Church

445-47 Jersey Avenue

Jersey City, NJ 07302

Pastor Anthony J. White, Officiating

Obituary

King Solomon Staggers, affectionately known as “Sonny” departed this life on Monday May, 19, 2014 at Christ Hospital in Jersey City, NJ. Sonny was born on April 6, 1938 in Kingstree, South Carolina to the late Isiah and Aletha Staggers. Sonny received his early childhood education in the Kingstree Public School System until his family relocated to Jersey City, NJ where he completed his education in the Jersey City Public School System. During his early teens he joined the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church where he served on the Junior Choir and the Usher Board.

Sonny met and married the love of his life Beatrice Gadsden in 1957; he was devoted to his family and loved his children and grandchildren dearly. Sonny was a hardworking man who lived his life to the fullest and can always be remembered for his sharp dressing, hats, and his beautiful cars. Growing up with “Uncle Sonny” as called by his many nieces and nephews was lots of fun he was kind hearted, caring, and wise beyond years; he will be greatly missed.

He leaves to cherish in his loving memory his wife Beatrice Staggers, his sons Michael, King Edwin “Butch”, Kenny, and Kendall Sr.; his daughter Leah Marie, his beloved sister Julia Manigo (Johnny), two brother-in-laws Isaac Gadsden and Joseph Lloyd of Baltimore, Maryland, two sister-in-laws Annie Isaac of Augusta, Georgia and Barbara Hanes of Monks Corner, South Carolina. Eight grandchildren Rev. Tony Lamont, Andre, Teaira, Leah, Patrice, Michael Jr, Richard, and Kendall Jr, five great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....Organist

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Consolation.....Choir

Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

SoloPastor Alfred A. Dingle Sr.

Reflections by the Family.....Rev. Tony L. Staggers

Solo.....Raheem Guzman

Acknowledgements & the Obituary.....Latarsha Manigo

Musical Selection.....Christopher Gale

Eulogy.....Pastor Anthony J. White

Final Viewing

Benediction.....Pastor Anthony J. White

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Repast is immediately following the burial in the church Banquet Hall.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has 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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free*

Acknowledgements

*The Family of the Late **King Solomon Stagers**
wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation
for the many acts of kindness, comforting words, and
prayers shown during our time of bereavement.*

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