

Celebration of Life for



Benjamin L. Myers

Sunrise
October 18, 1949

Sunset
June 25, 2014

Wednesday, July 2, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

Gilmore Tabernacle Look & Live Ministry

68 Haledon Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey, 07524

Elder Thomas P. Farrar, Officiating



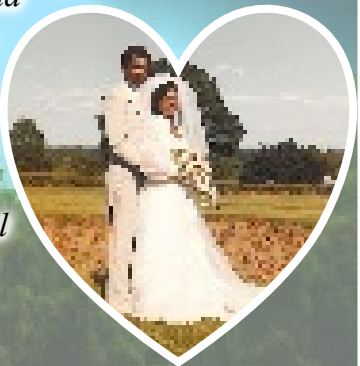
To My Dearest Husband,

Words cannot express the love I have for you. My heart is filled with wonderful memories, especially the first time we met. Our family trips, parties and gatherings with our loved ones were exciting and fun times, these are the moments I will always treasure.


You were a nurturing father, and your wisdom and love is what kept us together as a strong family. We had many private times to ourselves in which we shared our very special moments. You were my provider, protector and backbone and took care of me through all the difficult and challenging times we encountered through our journey. That is what a great husband exemplifies, so well done my love!

They say those you love will never go away. I know that you will walk beside me everyday, unseen, unheard but with the Lord. I will miss you! You are the love of my life and will ALWAYS be in my heart!


Farewell my handsome, loving and wonderful husband Ben!



Wonderful Memories of Benjamin



Benjamin Lawrence Myers transitioned from his earthly home to his heavenly home on June 25, 2014. He was born in Sumter, South Carolina on October 18, 1949 to the late Willie and Ida Myers. At an early age he attended Mount Olive A.M.E. Church in Woodrow, South Carolina, where he developed his strong faith in the Lord. Benjamin attended Sumter County School district and graduated from Lincoln High School. He relocated to Paterson, New Jersey in 1969 and then to Ballston Spa, NY in August of 2005, where he resided for the past 8 years. He was a former employee of Greyhound Bus Company, Ford Motor Company, Shoprite, and Dunkin Donuts. The majority of his career was spent at International Continental Bakery (Wonderbread) from 1973 - 1996. He retired in May 2008.



In 1975, he met the love of his life Rona Prater and married her on June 27, 1981. Ben was a very devoted husband and loving father to his beautiful daughters Kia Edwards, Tanisha Myers and Shayna Myers! He loved his family. He had a wonderful sense of humor that uplifted everyone around him. He was the king of hospitality and showed unconditional love to everyone. A father figure to many, you could



always count on him to be there. He loved to cook, grill and barbecue. Maintaining his beautiful lawn and property was one of his pleasures! He enjoyed watching the old western TV shows and was a true sports fan. He made his presence known with his signature whistle. Ben was a member of the Champagne Social Club and he was known to his buddies as, "Goose".

Ben was predeceased by his mother and father Willie and Ida Myers, sister Cora Lee Herriott, father-in-law, Albert Prater, mother-in-law, Virginia Reynolds, sister-in-law, Denise Lowery, niece, Arlene Myers and nephew, Richard Myers Jr. He leaves to cherish his memories, his precious wife Rona Allena Myers and two daughters, Tanisha and Shayna Myers of Ballston Spa, NY; daughter, Kia Edwards, son-in-law, Mark Edwards, and two grandchildren, Imani and Demari Edwards of Lawrenceville, GA; one Goddaughter, Destani Smith, of Paterson, NJ and one Godson, Christopher Bland of Sandy Springs, GA; brothers, John Myers Sr. (Betty) of Sumter, SC, Richard Myers Sr. of Paterson, NJ, Bishop Amos Myers (Marie), Westfield, IN; sisters, Ida Mae Mickens of Sumter, SC, Willie Mae Elder (Karl) of Paterson, NJ, Lorine Conyers (Thomas) of Paterson, NJ; Brothers-in-law, Albert Prater, Jr. (Wendy), Angelo Prater, and Alton Prater; Sisters-in-law, Kim Callender, Cindy Howard (Arnold), and Nicole Prater; 4 aunts and 2 uncles; 37 nieces and nephews; Close friends: James Champagne, Larry Holmes, Frank Williams, Marvin Kingwood, Marcel Belfield, Lou Mickens and a host of other relatives and friends. Ben was a great mentor to his children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and his great nieces and nephews! Farewell, to our beloved Uncle Ben!



Order of Service

Pastor Thomas P. Farrar, Presiding

Opening Hymn

Lighting of CandlesRona Myers-Wife
Kia Edwards, Tanisha Myers, and Shayna Myers-
Daughters, Imani Edwards – Granddaughter
Destani Smith- Goddaughter

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Patrick P. Farrar

Reading of Scriptures.....Mrs. Arlicia Brito
Deseral Neal-Hill

Solo“Safe in His Arms”
Minister Shavonne Sanders

PoemMs. Klarissa Conyers

Expressions of Love(2 minutes please)

Music SelectionThe Sanders Family

Reading of the CardsRichele Neal

Obituary ReadingMs. LaToyia Jenkins

Solo“Take Me to the King”
Minister Shavonne Sanders

Eulogy.....Pastor Patrick P. Farrar

Recessional

Interment
Thursday, July 3, 2014
Fair Lawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn New Jersey





Heaven

Faithful servant, it's time to go. Your time on earth is through. You finished the task that you were given so let me take care of you. There are friends and family you haven't seen for days and some for years. Come, let us go. Your reward awaits. There's no need for you to fear. It's okay. Do not worry. I will stay behind and take care of those you love. They'll cry when you're gone, but they'll also know that you're safe now up above. Heaven is the place where you will all unite, but for now it waits for you. Others will come when their time is up and they finished what they were born to do. Your body wore out so it's time to go, close your eyes and take my hand. The angels prepared a party for you. I'm not sure what they planned. Open your eyes! You're finally home! Gather around angels he's finally arrived. Excuse the cheering and joyous songs, but they too were very surprised. Here comes your sister Cora, she's been counting the days until she'd see you face to face. She's longed for the touch of her brother's arms and the love that they embrace. Don't worry if you miss someone you love because you have eternity. Here comes your mom and dad too. There are also others farther than you can see. Welcome home, loving son, I'm glad you're here. You've been faithful to the end. There is someone who's been waiting for you. It's Jesus, my beloved son. Here he comes now with open arms, my will for your life on earth is now done. Welcome home my good and faithful servant.

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Benjamin Myers** 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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