

In Loving Memory of



James Preston Benson

Sunrise
February 5, 1932

“Jake”

Sunset
June 22, 2015

Service
Saturday, June 27, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

CHAPELS OF EDEN FUNERAL HOME

110 South Munn Avenue • East Orange, New Jersey

Pastor Byron E. Lennon, Officiating/Organist

Obituary

James Preston Benson, Affectionately known as Jake, was born February 2, 1932 in Greenville, South Carolina to the late Odell and Julia Benson. He departed this life on Monday, June, 22, 2015 at Brookhaven Nursing Home in East Orange, New Jersey.

Jake was baptized at an early age at Mount Emmanuel Baptist Church in Greenville. He received his education in the Greenville Public School System.

During his late teens, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and fought in the Korean War. Jake traveled through many states, including Illinois and Louisiana and eventually settled in New York City for over fifty years where he was a self-employed livery cab driver until 2009.

Jake was in a loving, long-term relationship with Thelma Black until her death.

Jake was an avid swimmer and loved play cards. He also had an affinity for the casinos.

After becoming ill in 2009, Jake moved to New Jersey to be under the watchful eye of his family.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Robert, Cornell, Johnnie and William Benson.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his brother, Marvin Benson (Everlena) of Irvington, New Jersey; his sister, Ella Rogers of Brooklyn, New York; a special niece, Marvenia Michael of Irvington, New Jersey and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 23.....Kristina Conaway

Old Testament - 1 Corinthians.....Keisha Conaway

Prayer of Comfort

Solo.....Bernard China

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Charmayne J. Michael

Solo.....Constance Downing-China

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Let Go and Let God

*When you're searching for truth And you can't find your way,
When people don't hear What you're trying to say, And the
answers won't come to the things that you pray. It's time to let
go And let God ... Let go of the bad and the good will appear,
Trust in the knowledge that He's always near, That answers
and choices are always more clear when you can let go and let
God. Just lift up your hands and surrender your heart, Tell
Him your worries and He'll do His part, Let go of the past and
your future will start, When you finally let go and let God.
May prayers and faith and knowing you're loved carry you
through times of doubt, and lead you to perfect peace.*

Acknowledgements

The **BENSON** family would like to thank all of you for your love,
support, prayers, and acts of kindness shown during our loss.

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