

Celebrating the Life of

Rufus Sanders Watson, Jr.

“Buddy”

June 19, 1957 – October 3, 2015

Monday, October 12, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

United Presbyterian Church

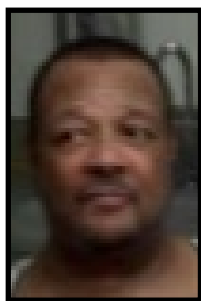
375 Van Houten Street (Broadway)

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Anna Taylor Sweringen, Pastor

Pastor Leslie Marrow, Officiating

Reflections of Life



In the beauty of a day created by God and forever consumed in time, God blessed the late Geraldine Bobbitt Watson and Rufus Sanders Watson, Sr. with a son they named **Rufus Sanders Watson, Jr.** on June 19, 1957 in Portsmouth, Virginia. Buddy as he was affectionately called was one of five children. The family relocated to Paterson, New Jersey where he attended Public School #4 and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School.

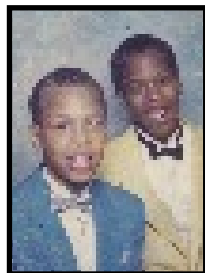
Rufus was united in marriage to Myra King and the union was blessed with two sons, Rufus Sanders Watson, III (Tony) and Tyrone Tyrell Watson. Rufus was employed at Paterson Housing Authority, Gallo Construction, and Paterson Department of Public Works. After relocating to Morristown he was employed at Wal-Mart a position he held until his illness. Rufus attended and became a member of The Church of Christ in Morristown, New Jersey.

Buddy enjoyed playing cards, his pick-its, spending time with his grandchildren and other family members and his church family. He also loved spending time with some special cousins, Cleon, Reggie and Cookie. He enjoyed eating good meals. "No fool no fun" was one of his many comical sayings he also said "if you hear any noise it's just me and my boys" He had a great sense of humor which will be truly missed.

Rufus departed this life on October 3, 2015 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his mother; Geraldine Bobbitt Watson, his father Rufus Sanders Watson, Sr., six aunts, Rutha Mae, Lola Jeanette, Althea, Ellenda, Corrine, and Yvonne; twelve uncles, Eratus, James, Wayvous, Otis, Boyce, Willie Bobbitt, Chester, Kemp, Willie Watson, Gilbert, Lindsay, and Edgar Lee.

He left to celebrate his legacy: his former wife Myra King; his two children, Rufus Sanders Watson, III (Tony) of Paterson, NJ, Tyrone Tyrell Watson (Letitia) of Willingboro, NJ; three sisters, Gloria S. Jackson (John) of Maplewood, NJ, Phyllis Y. Watson and Marion C. Watson of Paterson, NJ, Torey Watson Powell (Lee) of Irvington, NJ; ten grandchildren, Janayah, Jahad, Nehemiah, Zahniyah, Zion, Tyerra, Loedith, Kierona, Driyyah, and Damon; three aunts, Joyce Person (Harold), Dorothy Bobbitt, and Mary Watson; two god-sisters, Tabitha Parks and Elaine Davis Hodges. He also leaves some special friends; Fay Singletary, Darryl Wilson (Pee Wee), Maurice Kellum, Jerome White and Michael Chandler. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends will also cherish his memory.



Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family
Selection.....Brother Raymond Graves
Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Leslie Marrow
Scriptures.....Brother John Lake
 Old Testament
 New Testament
Selection.....Brother Raymond Graves
Acknowledgements & Remarks.....Sister Sandra Shrubby
Special Presentation.....Tony Watson
Obituary.....Sister Sandra Shrubby
Solo.....Jerome White
Eulogy..... Pastor Leslie Marrow
Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Fairlawn Memorial Cemetery Fair Lawn, New Jersey</p>

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Family and Friends



Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
 This is a debt we all must pay,
 You will see me again someday.
I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.
 But life for you must go on,
 You must not worry because I'm gone.
 You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ...
 You always told me, "get some rest,"
 Let me sleep now, I've done my best.
 So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.
You'll soon realize this was meant to be,
I thank God because He came for me.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Rufus "Buddy" Watson** 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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