

*Homegoing Celebration
Celebration of Life for*

Benjamin Franklin Ladson

Sunrise
September 20, 1950

Sunset
October 23, 2015

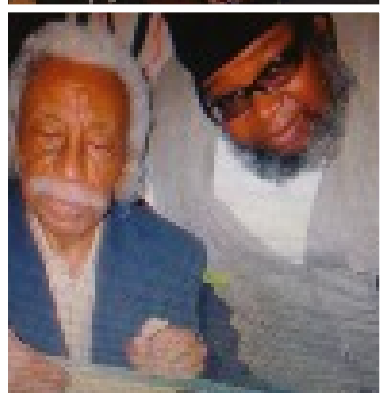
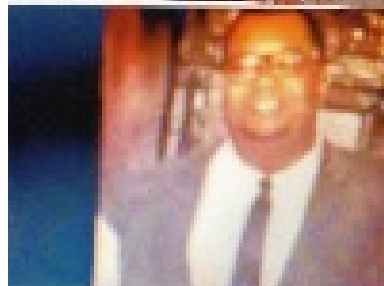


Monday, November 23, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

SERENITY BAPTIST CHURCH

132 North 1st Street
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Adolphus Ross, Pastor
Rev. Robert Howell, Officiating



Precious

Moments

Reflections of Life

Benjamin Franklin Ladson was born on September 20, 1950 in Dillon, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Louise (Ladson) Jones. Benjamin resided most of his life in Paterson, NJ until moving to New York City.

Benjamin attended the Paterson Public School system. He attended Public School #25 and Eastside High School Paterson. He later attended the William Paterson University Wayne, NJ. He was the first African American student to be elected as Class President and Counselor at Eastside High School. During Benjamin's employment and careers he was affiliated with the following organizations, Charter member of The Great PSI Kappa Nu Fraternity (The First Black Fraternity established at William Paterson University). He was a member of the Passaic County Democratic Party. A Past Board member of New Jersey Transit, as well as a Counselor in the Fairleigh Dickinson Upward Bound Program. Benjamin was a Past Board member of Paterson Task Force, the City of Paterson Dept. of Health and Human Services. He was a manager for the Paterson Housing Authority as well. He was a substitute teacher in the Newark Public School system and had been a Director of Totowa Branch of the Paterson Public Library. He was a Democratic County Committeeman for the Passaic County Board of Elections. Ben was also a former member of the Prophetic Church of God Paterson, and a current member of the Greater Calvary Church Harlem, NY where Rev. McKinney is the Pastor. He was a history buff who enjoyed debating many topics, especially politics.

Benjamin was very intelligent, cheerful, and an outgoing person, who loved eating out and enjoyed good meals. He loved New York City. He had a passion for taking photos of family and friends and giving legal

advice! His favorite saying was, “Man Up”. His own words “Trusting in the Lord the worse situation can be overcome, keep your hand in God’s hand, moving forward!!!”

Benjamin was predeceased by his mother, Louise (Ladson) Jones, adopted mother, Hattie May Ladson, wife, Michele Ladson, grandparents, Fullie and Dora (Ladson) Foster, sister, Dorenda L. Jones, two brothers, David Berk Jones, Jr., Mark Jones and cousin, Rosie Lee (Page) Stradford.

Benjamin leaves to cherish fond memories: his beloved godchildren and stepchildren, Tashia and Tanisha Owens, Najemah, Deshawna, Davon, LaMesha; three sisters, Denise McDougle of Denville, NJ, Dora A. Jones of Pine Brook, NJ, Camelia Jones aka “Ka” of Hackensack, NJ; one brother-in-law, Lawrence McDougle, Jr. of Denville, NJ. Benjamin was proud of his nieces and nephews, Indira Robinson, Sherenda Jones, Kisha Chandler, Kanifa Jones, Infinity Lloyd, Diamond Mitchell, Olivia Jones, Ka’Shalla Jones, Ahmad McDougle, Mark Chandler, Jahlil Jones, Jahad Jones, Kiahall Arturo, Asmar Jones. Benjamin was a nephew to a large family unit of the Jones Family. Aunts, Lorraine Harris of Montclair, NJ, Gloria Willis of Garfield, NJ, Doretha Foster of Burlington, NC, Joan Carter Priscilla Pyron, Betty Jones of Paterson, NJ, Vivian Tarry of Woodbridge, NJ, Rosalind Jones of Richmond, VA and Jacqueline Jones of Wayne, NJ; great aunt, Dolores Hinton of Paterson, NJ; cousin, Leona Pinchback of Burlington, NC; uncles, Ormsby F. Jones, Jr., Arthur Jones, John Paul Jones of Paterson, NJ, Joseph Jones of Wayne, NJ and Benjamin F. Jones of Jersey City, NJ; best close friends, Ben, like brothers, Bobby, Rev. Robert Howell, Ronald Hicks, Steve Owens and Luther Moore; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Congregational Hymn “Near The Cross”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Adrian Champion

Reflections Open for Friends

Reflections & Reflections of Life .. Dora Jones, Sister

Selection Bobby’s Daughter

Eulogy.....Rev. Robert Howell, Sr.
Serenity Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Cremation

Cedar Lawn Crematory
Paterson, New Jersey

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

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Benjamin Franklin Ladson** 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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