

*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
*Nathaniel Rosebure*

**Sunrise**  
July 29, 1953



**Sunset**  
December 4, 2015



*Saturday, December 12, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey 07050

*Minister Ron Gonzalez, Officiating*  
*Emory Lee, Organist*

*Celebration of Life Service*

OPENING.....Pastor Ron Gonzalez  
PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Pastor Ron Gonzalez  
SELECTION..... “Going Up Yonder”  
SCRIPTURE READING.....Lloyd Solomon  
                                Psalm 23  
                                John 14:1-6  
SELECTION ..... “How Great Thou Art”  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Gwen Conway  
REMARKS (2 min.)..... Pastor Ron Gonzalez  
OBITUARY..... Ethel Price  
SELECTION..... “It is Well with My Soul”  
EULOGY..... Pastor Ron Gonzalez  
BENEDICTION .....Pastor Ron Gonzalez

**INTERMENT**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

## Obituary

**Nathaniel Rosebure (Nate)** was born to Roberta Rosebure Hightower and Elijah Jackson on July 29, 1953 in Newark, N.J. On December 4, 2015 he transitioned into eternal life to dwell in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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After Nathaniel was born his growth and development was somewhat delayed. Nate was later diagnosed with Downs Syndrome. As time passed a social worker convinced his mother Roberta that she would not be able to care for Nathaniel properly and that it would be better if he were admitted into a residential facility for people with disabilities. Despondently and reluctantly Roberta consented. From 1958 to 1965, Nate was a resident of the New Lisbon State School in New Lisbon, N.J. Roberta wanted Nathaniel to be transferred to a location closer to home. In 1965, he was admitted into the Woodbridge State School. In 1967, he was transferred to the Edison Habilitation Center. Finally, Nate moved to the Livingston Group Home in 1988. Before he departed from this life he had been a resident there for 33 years.

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At each location, Nathaniel was never completely separated from his family. His mother made sure that he had frequent family visitations at the facility including home visits.

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Nate especially loved family time during the holidays, on birthdays and special occasions. He loved to eat good food and being among family. Roberta would cook for two days preparing Nate's favorite foods when she knew he was coming home for a visit. He enjoyed listening to Gospel, R&B, Jazz music and loved dancing at family gatherings. He especially liked attending church and being in the atmosphere of praise and worship. Nathaniel was a kind, loving, respectful gentleman that loved everyone and was loved by everyone. He enjoyed fellowshiping and having fun with family and friends.

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He is predeceased by a brother, Ruben Rosebure and leaves to mourn and cherish his memory two sisters, Rossie Solomon, Najah Munir (Mentha Rosebure), the staff and residents of the Livingston Group Home and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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