



*In Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Rodney K. Bennett*

*Sunrise: June 17, 1951*

*Sunset: May 17, 2016*

Thursday, May 26, 2016 - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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**Final Disposition**

*Oxford Hills Crematory • Chester, New York*

# Obituary

**Mr. Rodney Bennett, Sr.** of Teaneck, New Jersey, was called home to Heaven's doors on May 17, 2016.

Rodney Bennett was born to the late parents, Carmita Taylor and William Bennett on June 17, 1951 in the Bronx, New York. He grew up as the younger of two siblings and attended New York City public school. During his high school years, he began working in the printing industry.

Rodney was known as a "Classy Man", always well dressed and groomed from head to toe. He was a hardworking man a "Man's Man" and always took care of his family. His family was most important to him and he instilled family values into everyone he touched in his life. Sports was also one of the things he enjoyed dearly especially going to a game at any stadium. The NY Knicks, the NY Mets and the NY Jets were his favorite teams. Rodney was always amazing at interacting with children of all ages, they enjoyed the great stories he would tell. He would have the children believing he was Spiderman, Superman and even Batman, when the questions came during the story, "where did you park the Batmobile", he was quick on his feet with an answer, "I had to park it in a locked garage because the Batcave is too far". Rodney was a kid at heart, he enjoyed the amusement parks just as much as the kids. All these things tell how important family was to him. "Families that do things together build the greatest memories".

Rodney leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Sharon Jones Bennett; two children, Thomakata Turner of Harker Heights, TX and Rodney Bennett, Jr. of Teaneck, NJ; one son-in-law, Rahsaan Turner of Harker Heights, TX; two grandchildren, Tahirah Turner of Harker Heights, TX (Grandpa's Heart) and Jada Bennett of Connecticut to carry on his legacy; one brother, Eric Lightfoot of North Carolina; one sister-in-law, Bernadette Lightfoot of Florida; two nieces, Kelly Lightfoot of Maryland and Rebecca Lightfoot of Manhattan, NY; one great nephew, Logan Lightfoot of Manhattan, NY; two uncles, Carl Taylor of North Carolina and Stanley Taylor of Manhattan, NY; one aunt, Sylvia Taylor of Manhattan, NY; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## *"Come With Me"*

*"God saw He was getting tired and a cure not to be, so He put His arms around Rodney and whispered, "Come with me". With tearful eyes we watched him suffer and fade away.*

*Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay.*

*A golden heart has stopped beating, and hard working hands put to rest.*

*God broke our hearts to prove He is only taking the best."*

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## **Acknowledgements**

*The entire family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone for all your support, prayers and condolences during our time of bereavement. Perhaps you sent a loving card or a solemn prayer, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you prepared some delicious dishes or spoke a kind word as friends do. Perhaps you were not there, but just kept us in your thoughts every day. In your own ways you consoled our hearts we thank you so very much from the bottom of our hearts.*

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