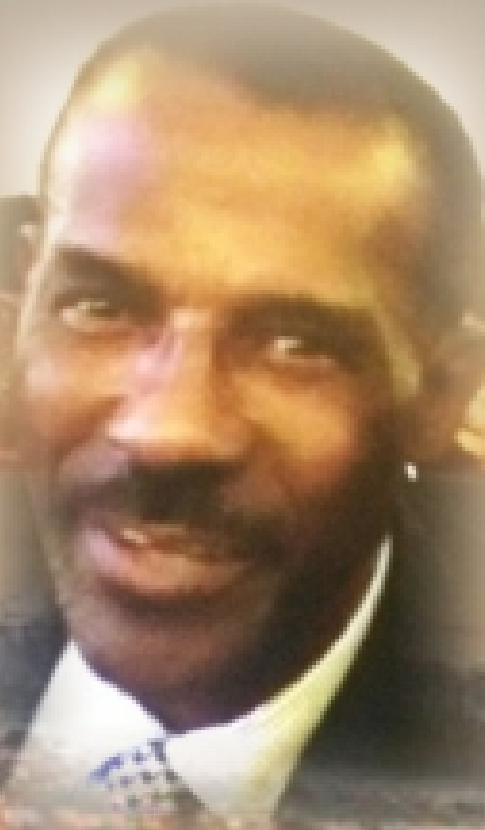


**CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF**

**ROBERT EPPS**

*Sunrise: May 8, 1952 - Sunset: July 13, 2016*



**Services:**

*Wednesday, July 20, 2016 - 12:00 Noon*

**St. Paul Sounds of Praise Church**

*587-93 18th Avenue*

*Newark, NJ 07103*

**Bishop Timothy Griffin, Pastor**

**Elder Reese, Eulogist**

## Obituary

**Robert Epps** was born on May 8, 1952 in Scotland County, North Carolina to the late Andrew and Lucille Epps, the youngest of 13 children. He grew up and was mentored by his elder siblings, James (deceased), Curtis, Queenie, Andrew (deceased), Milton, Luther, Daniel, Charles (deceased), Alberta, John Richard (deceased), Eugene (deceased), and Mabel (deceased). He enjoyed being spoiled by them all.

**Robert** was educated in the public school system of Scotland County, NC. Upon graduation from high school he attended Kittrell Junior College. There he met Cheryl King, whom he married in 1973, and of this union was born their daughter, Che'lese, which made both of them very happy and proud parents.

**Robert** enlisted in the U.S. Army and served his country well. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and was acknowledged for his outstanding performance in marksmanship. He left the Army with an Honorable Discharge, and then continued to pursue his education at Marymount College in Salina, Kansas.

In 1977, Robert relocated to Newark, NJ. He was employed at the Newark Youth House as a Counselor, and continued his studies in Business Administration at Bloomfield College.

In 1978, Robert met Rosemary Reed, with whom he spent the next 38 years, until God called him home.

**Robert** received his CDL license and was employed by NJ Transit as a bus driver. His passion was to drive tractor trailers, which dream was realized upon his hire by JB Hunt Trucking Company, where he worked for many years. When Robert passed he was employed with JRC Transportation. Robert was proud to say he had covered all 50 Continental States of the USA, parts of Canada and Mexico.

Nothing gave Robert more pleasure than watching his daughter, Che'lese grow into a beautiful woman, and Entrepreneur in the beauty field. He enjoyed his grandson, Rahsaan, and watching him display his musical talents. Robert loved bragging about them wherever he went.

Over the years, Robert and Rose enjoyed traveling, (although he could never convince her to go on the road with him for work). They did make many road trips by car, and cruises to various places.

**Robert** leaves to mourn his passing his beloved life partner, Rosemary Reed; his loving daughter, Che'lese King; grandson, Rahsaan Pickett; 4 brothers, Curtis, Milton, Luther, and Daniel Epps, 2 sisters, Queen Esther Granger and Alberta Epps; 3 sisters-in-law, Gladys Epps, Mary Epps, and Patricia Epps; Rosemary's Mom, who was like a mother to him; Ikie Reed; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other family and friends.

**Robert** touched many lives and he will truly be missed.

# **Order of Service**

## ***GOING HOME CELEBRATION***

Prelude & Viewing .....Musician, Rahsaan Pickett

Hymn....."What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Invocation

Scripture Reading.....Pastor Claudia Walker

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort .....Ms. Gwen Dockery

Musical Selection .....Soloist

Reflections of Life ..... Family and Friends

Please keep remarks to 1-2 minutes

Resolution .....Office of the Mayor of Newark, NJ

Presenter: .....Rev. Louise Rountree

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& Acknowledgements.....Ms. Brenda Estelle

Musical Tribute.....Grandson, Rahsaan Pickett

Eulogy.....Elder Reese

Final Viewing and Recessional

***Interment will be tomorrow, 7/21/2016 at:  
Washington Crossing National Cemetery  
830 Highland Road  
Newtown, PA 18940***

***Leaving at 8:00 AM from:  
Cotton Funeral Home  
1025 Bergen Street  
Newark, NJ 07112***

# *The Last Truck Ride*

I started out less confident with my normal load,  
I picked up my truck and headed for the road.

As I drove to reach my destination down highways familiar to me,  
I felt something was wrong because I couldn't see.

I pulled the truck over into a rest stop, but trying  
to get out to see what was wrong seemed like a lot.

I pushed on determined to drive this truck,  
but no matter what I did I still remained stuck.

I tried and tried and tried and tried,  
but no matter how hard I tried.  
I could not make it to the other side.

Then gently someone took the wheel and said move over Son,  
And so I moved over and just let the truck run.

He guided me to the dock. and said now you can unload your stock.

So I unloaded my pain, my disappointment, my worries, my stress,  
my tears, my unhappiness, and finally this old worn body,  
and as I did I turned in this frown and traded it in for a crown.

Oh I'm smiling now, happy and free,  
free from pain and looking forward to the day I'll see you again.

## **Acknowledgement**

The family of **Robert Epps** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May GOD Bless and Keep You!

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