

*Homegoing Services*

*Mr. Warren "Redd" James*

**Sunrise**  
**January 7, 1952**

**Sunset**  
**July 22, 2016**

**Service**  
**Saturday, July 30, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.**

**BROOKLYN TABERNACLE UNITED HOLY CHURCH**

58 Thomas S. Boyland Street • Brooklyn, NY 11233

**Elder Gregory D. Blount, Sr., Senior Pastor**

## Obituary

On January 7, 1952, the last of eight children was born to Lionel and Emelda James in Christianstead, St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands. They named him **Warren Reid James**. A unique feature of this child was his red hair, which resulted in the nickname "Redd". Redd had a gentle and innocent smile. At the age of three, his father moved the entire family from the island of St. Croix to New York City where they settled in Brooklyn.

Redd attended P.S. 44, Junior High 57 and ultimately Eli Whitney High School. It was in Brooklyn that he met and fell in love with Shirley Pressley. They soon married and produced three sons, Christopher, Desmond, and Kenneth.

For 28 years, Redd worked for Commercial Plastics, as a Machine Operator. He knew his craft well and was often commended by his superiors for his dedication and professionalism. In later years, he worked with his friend Joe as a "self-taught" carpenter. His work was precise and meticulous. He enjoyed carpentry and completed many projects in the community as well as in the homes of his siblings. Although he was left-handed, he handled tools with the expertise of a craftsman. Redd possessed the prideful work-ethic legacy of his father, as did all of his siblings. As his health began to fail, traveling all the way to work in Long Island, NY became more of a challenge for him. So in August of 2006 he decided to retire. Although retired, however, he continued to dabble in carpentry accepting small projects. To know Redd was to love him. He could easily become rattled, but through the humor of his siblings, he would ultimately join in the fun. Beneath that hard core façade, there was a great big heart.

Redd was preceded in death by: his parents, Lionel and Emelda James, brothers, Linval "K.D." James, Dorie James and Mario James. He loved his family dearly and leaves to mourn: Shirley, his wife of 43 years; one daughter, Tarsha; sons, Christopher (April), Kenneth and Desmond; grandchildren, Juwan, Khiyel, Camryn and Aiden; remaining siblings, Lowell, Eberly (Barbara) and Rudy (Vera); one sister, Sonia; niece and confidante, Olga James-Price (Rich); and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

***"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:4***

# Order of Service

*Pastor Gregory D. Blount, Presiding*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL.....Final Viewing for Family

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament: Sister Maxine Thompson - Psalm 91:11-16

New Testament: Sister Doriss Nesbitt - John 14:1-4

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Deacon Kevin Jones

SONG

REMARKS

Brooklyn Tabernacle Family, First Lady Robin Blount-Missionary  
President; Sis Charlotte Peterson, Usher President

MOMENTS OF REFLECTION.....Mrs. Sonia Paul, Sister  
Mr. Eberly James, Brother

SELECTION.....Solo.....Church

Reading of the Obituary.....Mrs. Bernadette James

The Spoken Word.....Pastor Gregory D. Blount, Sr.

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Committal and Internment .....Cypress Hills Cemetery • Brooklyn, NY

*Repast*

*Brooklyn Tabernacle United Holy Church*

# *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*

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