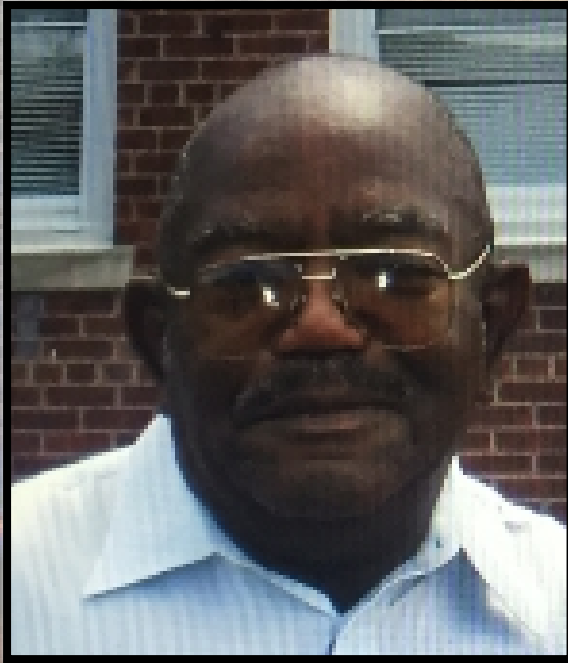


*Celebration of Life for*  
***John Willie Robinson***

**Sunrise**  
September 12, 1940

**Sunset**  
August 26, 2016



Friday, September 2, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

**THE HOLY TABERNACLE OF PRAISE MINISTRIES**

326 Ellison Street

Paterson, New Jersey

*Bishop Marvin E. Mack, Presiding*

*Elder Shaun Slater, Eulogist*

## *Reflections of Life*

**John Willie Robinson** was born on September 12, 1940 in Bladen County, North Carolina to mother Maude Patterson. John W. Robinson was the adopted son of mother Emma Jane Robinson and father Ernest Leno Robinson.

John W. Robinson graduated Booker T. Washington High School located in Clarkton, North Carolina in 1958. He would later become a trained Sunday School teacher at Pierces Chapel Methodist Church located in Bladen County, North Carolina. Upon migrating from the south to the north, John W. Robinson resided in New York and finally established residence in Paterson, New Jersey in 1961. He later became employed as a machine engineer and silk screen printer with Hawthorne Prints located in Hawthorne, NJ from 1976-2004. John W. Robinson also worked as a stock handler with Toys “R” Us located in Paramus, New Jersey from 1974-2004. John W. Robinson became affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters- Local Union #522. As of 2006, John Robinson became employed as a security guard for Securitas, based out of Jersey City, New Jersey until the time of his transition.

Shortly after settling in Paterson, New Jersey, John W. Robinson met, fell in love, and married the late Essie Lee Washington. The two would create a family of their own and raise a daughter, Kimberly D. Ellis, which they both so dearly loved.

John W. Robinson was known to close family members and friends as “John” and “Uncle John Willie”. John W. Robinson was mostly known for his self-lessness and willingness to help everyone that crossed his path. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and shopping with his granddaughters who cherished every moment of his time. In his girl’s eyes, he would move mountains to ensure they didn’t go without. He enjoyed watching televised baseball and wrestling with his girls by his side.

John W. Robinson is preceded in death by Essie Lee Washington, parents Maude Patterson, Emma Jane, and Ernest Leno Robinson, daughter Kimberly D. Ellis, brother James McLaughlin and sister Margaret McLaughlin -Minnick.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: Granddaughters, Shahidah Grier- Slater (Elder Shaun Slater), and Sherrell Grier all of Paterson, NJ, sister- Carrie (Peggy) McLaughlin of White Plains, NY, brother- Alexander McLaughlin of Lumberton, NC, great-grandson Symir Slater of Paterson NJ, who had a special connection with him, great -great granddaughter Zaniyah Kimberly Slater, of Paterson NJ, who lit a spark in his eyes over the past 3yrs. He looked forward to her pushing his bedroom door open and searching for snacks. John W. Robinson also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Prelude .....James Williams

Invocation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-6

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....Sister HaKemma Martin

Reflections of Life

Selection.....Evangelist Johnell Bradley

Eulogy.....Elder Shaun Slater  
*The Holy Tabernacle of Praise Ministries, Paterson, NJ*

Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Interment</u></b> East Ridgelawn Cemetery 255 Main Avenue Clifton, New Jersey 07014</p>
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## *I've Changed My Address*

*I've changed my address to Heaven*

*I've crossed the Great Divide.*

*I know there's no sorrow or crying,*

*Because I've reached the other side.*

*I am so happy to be here, for the Lord Himself I see.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,*

*That's the place where you'll find me.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,*

*I bid this world goodbye.*

*I now live forever with Jesus in my new home in the sky.*

*I have no burdens or heartaches*

*and from tears I am now free.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,*

*That's the place to find me.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,*

*I'm safe forevermore. For the Lord built a mansion*

*and my name is on the door.*

*You can find us walking together,*

*for where He is, I'll always be.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,*

*That's the place you'll find me.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **John Willie Robinson** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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