## In Celebration of a Life Well Lived

# **Bobie Cottle Sr.**

#### October 12, 1931 - September 22, 2016

<u>Services</u> Thursday, September 29, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

152 Osborne Terrace (Corner of Osborne Terrace and Hawthorne Ave.) Newark, New Jersey 07112 Pastor Douglas L. Williams III

# **Order of Service**

PRELUDE	Organist
PROCESSION	
VIEWING	
INVOCATION	
HYMN	"Blessed Assurance"
	New Beginnings Faith Fellowship Ministries Choir
SCRIPTURE READINGS Old Testament: Psalm 23 New Testament: Matthew 5: 1-12	
PRAYER OF COMFORT	
SPEAKERS	KEITH ALI-Retired Warden, Essex County Jail REV. DR. JOHN BUGG Old First Presbyterian Church, Newark NJ
REMARKS/REFLECTIONS	Family and Friends (2 minutes please)
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLU	JTIONS
OBITUARY	
EULOGY	
SOLO	"THE LORD'S PRAYER"- SUNG BY MILDRED TAYLOR
RECESSIONAL	

<u>Interment</u> Fairmount Cemetery 620 Central Avenue Newark, New Jersey

Repast immediately following -Zion Hill Baptist Church

### **Obituary**

Bobie Cottle Sr. was born in Newark, NJ on October 12th 1931, the son of Orzie Cottle and Ossie Martin.

He was educated in Newark Public Schools and graduated from West Side High School. He served in the US Army from 1951 to 1954. After returning from the military Bobie married Shirley Mack on October 24th, 1954. They have two sons, Bobie Jr. (deceased) and Wayne. The newlyweds resided and started their family in Newark, NJ. In 1966 the family moved to Montclair where Bobie and Shirley resided for 42 years. In 2008, seeking a warmer location, Bobie and Shirley moved to Greensboro, NC. They returned to NJ in 2012 as Bobie's health started to decline.

Bobie attended and graduated from the Newark Police Academy in 1958. He received degrees from Seton Hall University (AA in Police Science) and Montclair State College (BA Sociology). He also graduated from the National F.B.I. Academy, Quantico, VA and attended John Jay College of Criminal Justice in NY.

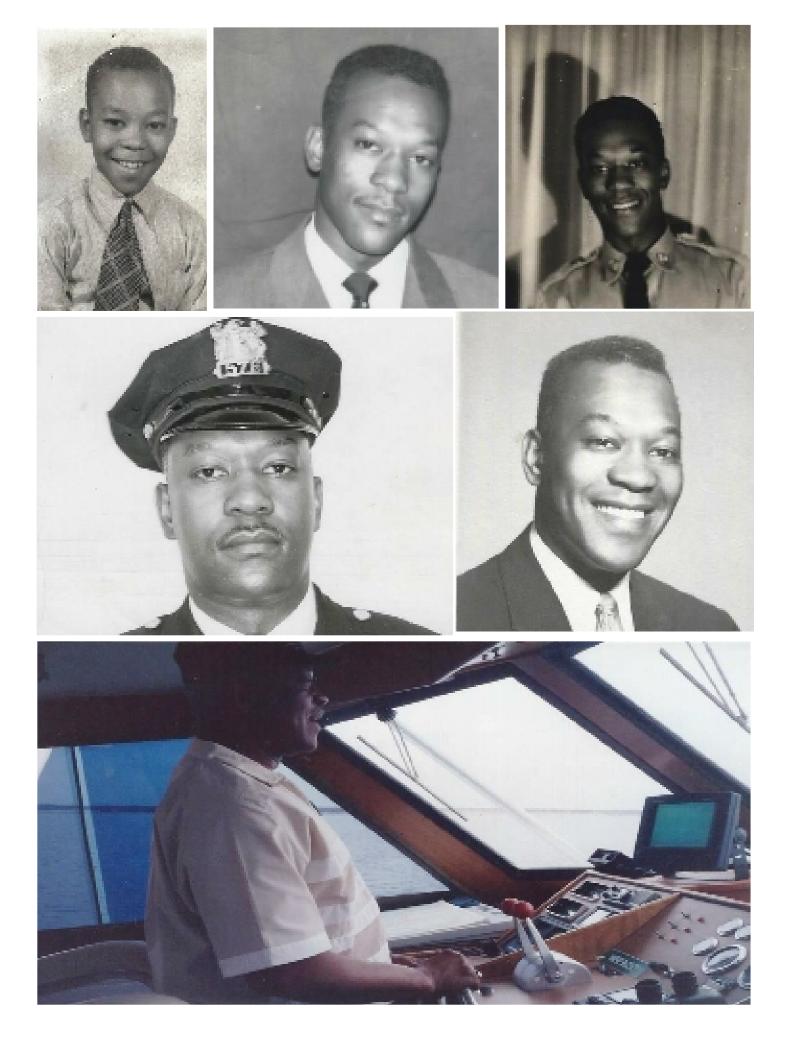
Bobie held multiple positions and appointments throughout a storied 40+ year career. He served on the Newark Police Department for 21 years and rose to the rank of Detective Lieutenant. As one of Newark's first Black detectives, Bobie had the honor of bodyguard assignments protecting several high profile African Americans in the 1960s and 70s, including Muhammad Ali and Coretta Scott King. In 1976 he accepted the position of Deputy Director of Security - NJ Sports & Exposition Authority, East Rutherford, NJ. Other positions included Director of Public Safety - College of Medicine & Dentistry of NJ; Essex County Warden; Essex County Prosecutor's Office -Senior Investigator and Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice- Essex County College. In 1989 he was appointed Essex County Surrogate. Like his father Orzie, Bobie never fully retired. After leaving public and private positions in criminal justice and security he used his excellent leadership and communication skills in account executive and sales positions and remained open to the next business opportunity.

He was an active member of several civic and professional organizations and a recipient of numerous Civic and Community Awards for exemplary roles as a strong advocate for justice. Bobie was a member of the NAACP since 1958 and served on the executive board prior to his appointment to President of the Newark branch1981-1984. Bobie dedicated his life to solving community problems and promoting understanding and cooperation between citizens and police in resolving mutual problems. He was a member of the Bronze Shields and also served on the board of the Newark YM-YWCA.

Always active in the church, Bobie was one of the founders of New Beginnings Faith Fellowship Ministries in Orange, NJ and Trustee Emeritus. Previously he was a Trustee for over 40 years and Treasurer of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Newark, NJ.

In addition to his many commitments, Bobie was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was always willing to offer advice or help family, colleagues and friends find solutions. He could be counted on to provide a bright outlook even when things were negative. An excellent conversationalist on sports, politics, current affairs and all topics in between, Bobie was always positive. He had a constant smile and warm greeting for all. He was kind, humorous and fun loving. Bobie will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

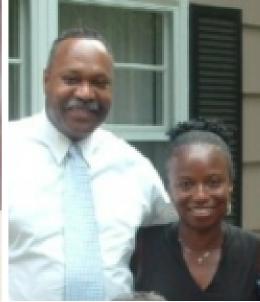
Bobie is survived by his loving wife of 62 years Shirley, son Wayne Cottle and wife Susan, daughter-in-law Cheryl Cottle, grandsons John and Wayne Jr, sister Angela Hawkins and a host of family and friends.















## 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 for long, And not with your head bowed low. Remember the love we once shared. Miss me, but let me go! For this is a journey we must all take, And each must go alone; It's all a part of the master's plan A step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart Go to the friends we know, And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds, Miss me, but let me go.

Robyn Rancman



Pall BearersKeith AliMarJonathan CottleWayEddie HallGeo

Marlon Brown Wayne Cottle Jr. George Hall

#### **Acknowledgements**

The family of **Bobie Cottle Sr.** appreciate the many acts of sympathy and respect shown during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.

