

*In Loving Memory of*



*William W. Hancock*  
*“Pete”*

Sunrise  
June 26, 1955

Sunset  
October 19, 2016

## *Obituary*

**William W. Hancock**, fondly known as “Pete” son of the late Mary Lillian Brown and the late Robert C. Hancock, Sr. was born on June 26, 1955 in Newark, New Jersey.

Pete attended Cleveland Elementary, West Kinney Jr. High and Central High Schools. He also attended the Veterans Upward Program at Essex County College and Mercer County College.

Pete was united in marriage with Veronica Wilson on January 5, 1993. To this union, they were blessed with two children, William Jr. and Sahirah and was affectionately a father to Natasha, Wayne and Nicole.

Pete devoted two years of service in the US Air Force from 1973 - 1975 and was a Heavy Equipment Operator for the Heavy & General Laborers, Local 472 & Local 173 before retiring.

Pete enjoyed fishing, football and spending time with family especially with his grandson, Samir, his “Road Dog”. He was better known as “Pete and Them” during his youthful years while living in the Hayes Homes Projects.

Pete departed this life on October 19, 2016 after a long and hard fought battle with illness. His parents, Robert and Mary and sisters, Judith and Aneesah preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory: his wife, Veronica; daughters, Sahirah, Natasha and Nicole; his sons, William Jr. and Wayne; six grandchildren; sister, Marianne Hancock Gibson; brothers, R.C. (Rob) Hancock Jr. and Bernard Campbell; mother-in-law, Elsie Wilson; sisters-in-law, Krystal, Ongelique, Bernadine, Darlene, Francine and Shawn; brothers-in-law, Brent and Everett; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Service  
Thursday, October 27, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

## **First Corinthians Missionary Baptist Church**

470 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue • Newark, New Jersey  
*Pastor Samuel L. Alston, Officiating*

### *Order of Service*

Processional

Musical Selection ..... Bernadine W. Gibson

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer ..... Vanessa Everett

Musical Selection ..... Bernadine W. Gibson

Words of Comfort (2 minutes)

Obituary & Acknowledgments ..... Marquinn Gibson

Eulogy

Recessional

**Interment**

Glendale Cemetery  
Bloomfield, New Jersey

*The family wishes to extend an invitation to join them at  
First Corinthians Missionary Baptist Church following the interment.*

## *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!!

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **William "Pete" Hancock** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

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