

In Loving Memory of



James Arthur Whitmire

Sunrise
January 16, 1937

Sunset
October 27, 2016

Service

Friday, November 4, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

RODGER WILLIAMS BAPTIST CHURCH
362 Oak Street • Passaic, New Jersey 07055
Rev. William B. Davidson, Sr., Pastor, Officiating
Lawrence Mitchell, Organist

Obituary

James Arthur Whitmire was born the third oldest of fifteen children on the 16th day of January 1937 in Laurens, South Carolina to the late John W. Whitmire and Orrie (Phillips) Whitmire.

He was educated in the Laurens County School System. In order to help take care of this family, James left school and started work at the Underground Glass Factory with his father by the early age of sixteen. At the age of eighteen, he enlisted in the US Army where he received an honorable discharge. After two years of service in the military, James left the South to begin a new life in New Jersey.

On the 8th of July 1975, James married his beloved wife, Lunell (Hannah) Whitmire. Together they shared six children: David Eaddy, Larry Eaddy (Mary), Bud Flowers (Carolyn), Michael Flowers (Tabatha), George Whitmire and Yolanda Whitmire-Smith (Willie); twenty-two grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. James' passion soon became the betterment of his family. In pursuit of his passion, he worked at the Allied Van Lines and later Passaic Board of Education. After several long years of dedicated and devoted work, James retired upon being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

James Arthur Whitmire completed his life journey on the 27th of October 2016, after fourteen years of battling with AD. Along with his family, James is survived by his guardian angel, Vance Robinson.

He leaves behind precious, treasurable and loving memories to: six brothers, George Whitmire of Orange, SC, Johnny (Mary) Whitmire, Joe Thomas (Sandra) Whitmire, David Caldwell of Laurens, SC, Benjamin (Minnie Earl) Whitmire of Fort Myer, FL and Roger Whitmire of Maryland; four sisters, Laura Whitmire (Eugene) Anderson, Inez Whitmire Wilson of Laurens, SC, Hattie Whitmire of Robins of Las Vegas, NV and Vickie Whitmire (Sonny) Shaw of Dover, DE; and a host of brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces who loved him dearly.

Mr. Whitmire was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Dennis, Sammy and Jimmy Whitmire, his sister, Lillian Choice-Whitmire, and a son, David Eaddy.

Order of Service

Processional

Choir Selection

Scriptures.....Deacon Council
 Old Testament
 New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Deaconess Linda Felder

Acknowledgement and Remarks.....Yolanda Smith

Solo..... *“A Change Gonna Come”*.....Yaminah Smith

Reflection of Life.....Jeremiah Smith

Solo..... *“I’ll Miss You My Buddy”*.....Yusuf Smith

Obituary/Poem.....First Linda Davidson

Choir Selection

Eulogy.....Rev. William B. Davidson, Sr.

Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> East Ridgelawn Cemetery Clifton, New Jersey</p>
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Don't Cry For Me

Do not cry for me, for I have lived my life to the extent of time which God has granted me. Do not cry for me, for I have walked a long way in my lifetime, I have moved on to fulfill my destiny. Do not cry for me, for I am not lost, I am home where I am free. When you think of my passing, picture my face in your mind and reminisce of the times that have passed be it good or bad; Do not cry for me for I am with God, and my life has just begun.

Acknowledgements

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May God bless you all.*

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