

*Homegoing Service for*  
**Brother Philip Lee Burton, Jr.**

**Alpha**  
April 27, 1966

**Omega**  
October 27, 2016



Saturday, November 5, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

575 Rev. Dr. Albert P. Rowe Square (E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Randall M. Lassiter, Pastor*

# Reflections of Life

**Philip Lee Burton, Jr.**, Age 50, of North Plainfield departed this life on Thursday, October 27, 2016 surrounded by his beloved family. Philip Lee Burton, Jr. was born to Janet M. Burton and Philip L. Burton, Sr. on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1966 in Paterson, NJ.

He attended school in Paterson from grades K-12. Philip was an active Boy Scout for many years. He also had the opportunity to attend Boy State for the State of NJ. During his school years, he developed a true love for music.

Philip was a soft spoken man who spoke loudly through his trumpet. He began playing the trumpet in elementary school where he performed in the yearly spring concerts. During his high school years, Philip was involved in the marching band at John F. Kennedy High School where he had the opportunity to serve as the Drum Major. He performed in the school band, Orchestra and Concert Choir concerts throughout high school and beyond. Philip also assisted at Rosa Parks High School working closely with Mr. Peter Nelson. In addition, he performed in the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra for several years.

After graduation, Philip attended several schools such as Howard University Washington, DC where he was a member of the marching band, Montclair State University where he was a member of the band, orchestra and choir. He also attended Dover Business School where he received an Associate's degree in Business and Ashworth College Norcross, GA where he received an Associates degree in Computer Information Management.

Philip was employed at the Paterson YMCA for over fifteen years where he was in charge of the computer program and teaching children and adults all workings of the computer. He also taught computers in various capacities to students as well as seniors in communities such as Paterson, Hackensack, and Lebanon Baptist Church in Westwood, NJ to name a few.

Philip's main love was music. This love of music was known to everyone that knew him. He could talk for hours about music, composers, and various experiences that he has had as a musician. He was known to have perfect pitch and loved expressing his music through his trumpet. He played at various churches throughout the Garden State and has marched in many parades. Unfortunately in 2010, Philip suffered a paralysis which did not allow him to play the instrument that he loved. It was then that Phil put his focus on technology and continued to help children and adults in the community.

In 2012, Phil was forced to began working part time at which time he began working for Sentinel Security in Bridgewater, NJ. Philip has always loved helping others in any way that he could. He was adored by many of the residents at the various locations that he served at. He often came home with so many trinkets and gifts from the seniors of the homes where he worked.

Philip was preceded in death by his younger brother, Rev. Dr. Michael C. Burton in December 2012.

Philip leaves to cherish precious memories: his loving parents, Philip L. Burton, Sr. and Janet Burton; his siblings, Lauren and Todd Burton; nephew, Leon Burton; niece, Makayla Burton; and a host of aunts, uncles, as well as his extended family and dear friends.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, and encouraging words of comfort.

# Service of Triumph

Organ Prelude ..... Minister Harrold Edgar

Processional

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Comfort

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Gregory Edwards (Cousin)

Old Testament Lesson ..... Psalm 23

New Testament Lesson.....Revelation 21:1-7

Words of Comfort ..... Deacon Jeanette S. Lyde  
Deaconess Annabelle Jones  
Mr. William Peter Nelson

Family Reflections

Selection ..... Keith Evans  
Courtney McCain

Resolution & Acknowledgements ..... Deaconess Sandra Urquhart

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy.....Pastor Randall M. Lassiter

Closing Selection

Recessional ..... Scriptural Passages

## **Interment**

George Washington Memorial Park  
234 Paramus Rd.  
Paramus, New Jersey

*Immediately following the interment the family invites you to join them for a repast in the church's fellowship hall.*

## Psalm 23

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

### Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Brother Philip Burton** expresses sincere appreciation to those who have celebrated his home going with us today and for all acts of kindness shown during his death.

May God richly bless each of you!

The Family

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