

*Honoring and Celebrating
The Life
Of
Boisy Carlton Cosby*

*Sunrise
October 9, 1933*



*Sunset
December 6, 2016*

Services

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 - 11:00 AM

GREATER ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

88 Lyons Avenue • Newark, NJ 07112

Rev. Dr. Allen S. Potts, Sr., Officiating

Obituary

Boisy Carlton Cosby was born October 9, 1933 in Dothan, Alabama to the late Lessie Mae and Nephus Cosby. The family moved to Deland, Florida where he attended Euclid Elementary School and graduated from Euclid High School at the age of 16. After finishing high school, he moved to Newark, NJ and stayed with his cousin Henry Cosby known as Smiley. He joined Abyssinian Baptist Church and that's where he met Rosamond Thomas known as Rose or Rosie. During their courtship, they fell in love and were united in Holy Matrimony on January 4, 1953 by the Late Raphus P. Means. From this union 4 children were born: Carlton, Michael, Alicia and Darryl.

Boisy and his wife Rosie have been members of their church over 50 years. They marched with the late Rev. Raphus P. Means when the church split and became Greater Abyssinian. After the passing of Rev. Means, Rev. Matthew A. Zimmerman Sr. became the minister of Greater and now Greater is under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Allen Potts Sr.

Boisy worked for Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, NJ for 11 years and on May 25, 1963 he joined the Newark Fire Department. He is part of Newark's Black History because he was the third African American firefighter in the city of Newark and the first African American to drive the hook and ladder in the city of Newark. Boisy worked various jobs to provide for his family and met many people while working with the public. He worked at Truck 5 for 11 years, Engine 12 for 16 years and 2 years as a Fire Inspector with 28 years and 8 months of dedicated service. He received many citations during his career. Boisy was a member of the International Association of Fire Fighters (I.A.F.F.) and the International Association of Black Fire Fighters (I.A.B.F.). He was also a member and Trustee of the Vulcan Pioneers.

Boisy retired January 31, 1992 and would tease his wife Rose every morning about having to go to work and two months later she was happy to come home and tell him that she was able to retire too. They had a joint retirement party and celebrated with over 200 people. During retirement they attended many Baptist Conventions and traveled all over the world.

Boisy was a Faithful and active member of Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church until his illness. He was a member of the Men's Choir, Layman's, M.L.K. Jr. Committee and the Culinary Committee frying chicken. His fried chicken was so good that his nickname was the Chicken Man. He was also known as Sonny, Champ, Mr. C. and B.C. He was a loving and kind man who believed in family. Boisy and his wife Rose opened up their hearts and home to their children's friends and so many people without judging them. They're finally back together again and will truly be missed.

Boisy became ill in 2014 and even through his illness he looked forward to getting his Pineapple Coconut cake from Sis. Adele and Sheila Harper, which he had been receiving for the last ten years and wouldn't accept anything else in its place. His Aunt Lillie would check on him daily and made sure she satisfied his sweet tooth with snacks. She looked after him when she could. Every Sunday after church his Aunt Lucille and Uncle Harold would bring pizza for his snack before dinner. Boisy had his personal deaconess Sis. Shirley Freeman who brought him wine and in the last three months his Prayer Angel Johnnie Mae Williams who prayed over him every morning and evening also said grace with and for him before his meals.

Boisy leaves to mourn his passing: two sons, Michael Cosby and Darryl Cosby Sr.; one daughter, Alicia Cosby Morgan; one son-in-law, Basil Morgan; three daughters-in-law, Crystal Cosby, Debra Cosby and June Cosby; 10 grandchildren, LaTanya Best/Holmes, Nicole Carter, Crystal Cosby, Michlle Benekin, LaTia Rice, Carlton Cosby Jr., Darryl Cosby Jr., Kanisha Cosby, Damien Cosby and Basil T. Morgan; 12 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild; five brothers, Joseph Cosby Sr., Leroy Cosby, John Cosby Sr., Walter Cosby Sr. and Edward Cosby; two sisters, Mattye Cosby Crews and Bertie Brown all from Florida; three aunts, Lillie Ali, Lucille Wilson and Anna Thomas; one uncle, Harold Wilson all from NJ; four special nieces, Cora Mae Hamm, Tammy Hamm, Pamela Hamm and Michelle Reddick; one special nephew, John (Jay) Cosby; two special cousins, LaNora Ali Garner and Gerry Manson; longtime friends, Richard Freeman, Ernestine Southerland, Sylvia Gill, Shirley White and Marietta Williams; one godson, Garry Walker; one goddaughter, Yvonne Burke; two caregivers, Chander Walker and Charlotte Koonce; and a host of other family and friends. Boisy was preceded in death by Rosamond Cosby (wife), Carlton Cosby (son) and Nephus Cosby (brother).

Order of Service

Processional	The Family
Opening Hymn - "Blessed Assurance"	The Congregation
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament	Evangelist Doris Mincey
New Testament	Evangelist Denise Richards
Prayer of Comfort	Deacon Gene Harper
Musical Selection	Brother Willie Martin
Church Resolutions and Acknowledgements	
Musical Selection - "Amazing Grace"	Bagpipers
Tributes and Reflections	(Please Limit to 2 minutes)
Musical Tribute - "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"	Master Basil T. Morgan
Reading of the Obituary	Sis. Johnnie Williams
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Allen S. Potts
Musical Selection - "It Is Well With My Soul"	Sis. LaTanya Holmes Best
Final Viewing	
Recessional	"I'll Fly Away"

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Family and Friends are invited to the repast at the church immediately after the interment.



Acknowledgements

*The family of the late **Boisy Carlton Cosby** wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the acts of kindness and love shown to them during their time of sorrow.*

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