



*Celebration of Life for*

*Carbie Melville Hamilton*

**Sunrise**

September 13, 1928

**Sunset**

January 25, 2017

Thursday, February 2, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

**MADISON AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**

900 Madison Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey

*Jack Harvey, Officiating*

*Johnetta Bush, Organist*

## Reflections of Life

**Carbie Melville Hamilton** was born in Dunkeld, Saint Catherine, Jamaica, West Indies on September 13, 1928. He attended Post Road Elementary School in St Catherine and went on to attend Kingston College in Kingston, Jamaica. He migrated to England to enlist in the Royal Air Force, where he went into battle during World War II as an air force gunner. From England, he returned to Jamaica and pursued a career as a Government Civil Servant and British High Commissions Officer.

During the mid 1960's, he migrated to Brooklyn, NY. While living in Brooklyn, Carbie worked as an accountant for Bushie Oil Company and pursued business ventures as a part time sales man. Upon leaving Brooklyn, he worked as an insurance agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In 1969, the family moved from Brooklyn, NY to Paterson, NJ where he continued his career as an insurance agent, salesman, and accountant and pursued his love of real estate. He became an active member of the Jamaican Progressive League and Paterson Eastside Association.

Carbie enjoyed a hearty political debate and discussing world and local events; often gesturing and pointing his finger to emphasize his point of view. He loved to peruse real estate journals, going to estate sales, reading the newspapers, and working on his house. He was a Yankee baseball fan. Carbie loved listening to classical music and was a wonderful dancer of classical dances such as the rhumba, fox trot, waltzes, etc. He often reminisced about his life as a school and farm boy enjoying the countryside, food and customs of Jamaica. Carbie enjoyed the "finer" things in life and wanted the best of everything for his family and friends. He was a good family man. His later years would find him sitting on the front veranda while listening to talk radio, overseeing the comings and goings of his neighborhood and entertaining family and friends. He had a marvelous sense of humor and was a very social person. Although his body became weakened as the years progressed and eventually he was confined in movement, the life inside of him, as evidenced by his firm grip, let you know that his tenacious spirit remained strong. Family and friends, this is not really a burial ground but a resurrection ground; for one day our body will be joined with our spirit or soul. This body in the ground will be resurrected from the grave, just as Christ was resurrected from the dead, so too will the believers' body be joined with our soul or spirit. When a beloved saint, such as Carbie dies, it's a precious thing in God's sight because then they are in HIS presence. Carbie remains with us, his family and friends, in our thoughts and hearts and through his words and deeds. He may be gone, but he will not be forgotten. He may be missing on the earth, but He is still alive. In fact, he is more alive than ever.

Carbie passed away at Regency Gardens Nursing Center on January 25, 2017 at the age of 88.

Carbie is predeceased by his mother Almyra Henry, his father Kelly, adoptive parents Julius and Imogene Hamilton and his sister Gloria Robinson.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 51 years Gloria Petrona Hamilton. Carbie is lovingly remembered by his daughters, Andrea Carolyn Hamilton and Gail King; son in law David King; grandchildren Michea Abigail McCaffrey and Sarah King, grandson in law Michael McCaffrey and 1 great-grandchild Elias; nieces Patricia Robinson-Campbell, Carol Helene Robinson; nephews Junior Anthony Henry and Frederick Neil Robinson; faithful cousins Sybil Hamilton, Norma Phillips and Erlene Brown; brother in law Sydney Fairweather; a host of grand and great nieces and nephews; many friends who are his heart-family.

# Order of Service

Prelude..... Reverend Jay Harvey

Processional

Scripture Readings

23rd Psalm .....(Mr. Winty Batson)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 .....(Mr. Tony Richards)

Hymn..... “The Lord’s Prayer” (Mr. Michael W. Harley)

Expression of Remembrance

Obituary..... (Ms. Nicole Brown)

Musical Interlude..... (Mrs. Jacqueline Best)

Expression of Comfort

Poem..... God’s Garden  
(Mrs. Michea Abigail McCaffrey and Ms. Sarah King)

Reflection..... (Mr. Frederick Robinson)

Brief Reflections by Family and Friends

Hymn..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Eulogy.....(Rev. Jay Harvey)

Closing and Benediction..... (Rev. Jay Harvey)

## **Interment**

Fairlawn Memorial Cemetery  
22-21 Maple Ave, Fairlawn, NJ

## **Repat:**

Madison Avenue Baptist Church  
900 Madison Ave, Paterson, NJ

## *Come To Me*

God saw he was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered "Come to me"  
The days of toil and nights of pain  
The weary hours have passed  
The patient gentle worn out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.  
Day and night we stood by him  
And saw him in pain,  
Anxiously awaiting his cure  
But our waiting was in vain.  
God who knoweth all things best  
Eased his suffering, gave him rest  
He is gone but not forgotten,  
Never will our memories fade  
Sweetest thoughts of him will ever linger  
Round the place where he rests.

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Carbie Melville Hamilton** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!

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