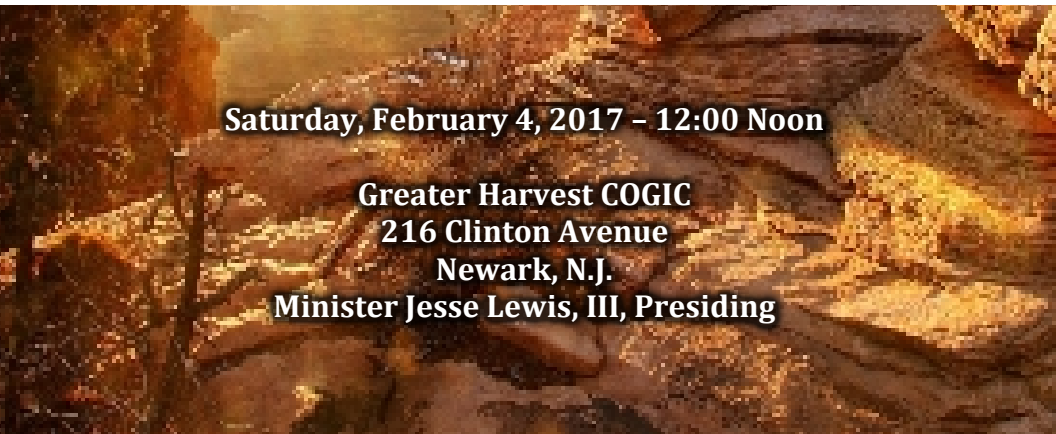




**HOME GOING SERVICES**  
For  
**JOHN CRAYTON, JR.**

**Sunrise: June 4, 1933**

**Sunset: January 28, 2017**



**Saturday, February 4, 2017 - 12:00 Noon**

**Greater Harvest COGIC**  
**216 Clinton Avenue**  
**Newark, N.J.**

**Minister Jesse Lewis, III, Presiding**

## Obsequies

**John Crayton, Jr.** was born in Jersey City, N.J. on June 4, 1933 to the late St. John and Etta (nee: Whitehurst) Crayton. John was the eldest of six children, Shirley Ann Pinkney, (deceased); Leroy Crayton (deceased); Dolores Shaw; James Francis Crayton; and, Grant Levy Crayton.

John attended the Jersey City Public School System and worked for many years at a yarn factory with his uncle Joseph Crayton. He then worked for the U.S. Postal Service until he retired over twenty years ago. It was at the post office that he met, then married the love of his life, the late Jean (Haven) Crayton. They were married for over 21 years before Jean's passing on June 25, 2010.

John was a strong believer in Jesus Christ and was a strong bible scholar.

Early on in his life, John was a body builder and health advocate. He especially loved jazz and Gospel music, and was well read in the area of social issues. He was extremely generous and gave to many charitable foundations, such as Doctors Without Borders, as well as numerous Christian organizations.

He leaves to mourn his siblings, Dolores (William Shaw-deceased) Shaw; James (Brenda Wright) Crayton; and, Grant (Gloria Neal) Crayton. He also leaves to mourn him his Uncle Fredrick Crayton, and Aunt Martha Walton; his caregivers, nieces Jeanette Pinkney, Rosetta Rutledge, Rosalind Lewis-Adair, and nephew Steven Pinkney; thirty nieces and nephews, (includes grand and great-grand nieces and nephews), granddaughter Atiya Gurley and her son Jeremy (Bunch), and a host of cousins and other relatives and friends. John admired and counted as his friends Pastor Dalton Johnston as well as the Chisholm, Odom and Workman families.

# Order of Service

Processional

Musical Prelude

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament: Isaiah 41:10

New Testament: Philippians 4:19

Prayer of Comfort

Moments of Remembrance .....(2 minutes please)

Resolutions and Acknowledgements.....Rosetta Rutledge, Niece

Obituary

Musical Selection

Eulogy..... Minister Jesse Lewis, Grand-nephew  
*Abundant Life Family Worship Church, New Brunswick, NJ*

Benediction

Recessional

**Final Disposition (Private)**

Arlington Cemetery  
Kearny, New Jersey





## *Afterglow*

*I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.*

*-Helen Lowrie Marshall*

### **Acknowledgements**

The family of **John Crayton, Jr.** thanks you for whatever part you played in his home going. A formal thank you will be sent at a later date.

*Professional Services Provided By:*

*The Family Funeral Home, LLC*

736 Clinton Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey  
(973) 375-8100

[www.thefamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.thefamilyfuneralhome.com)

Kenneth Cattenhead NJ Lic. No. JP04153