

**“The Church at Worship”**  
**In Memory of**  
**James Wesley Merritt**  
**“Big Boy”**

*Sunrise*  
*April 8, 1934*

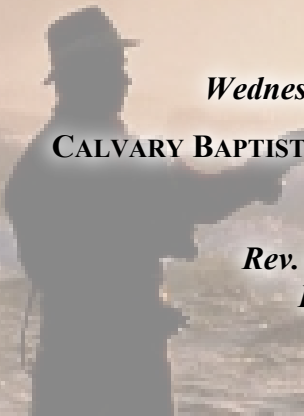
*Sunset*  
*March 9, 2017*



*Wednesday, March 15, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.*

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH JERSEY AT GARFIELD**  
217-245 Passaic Street  
Garfield, New Jersey

*Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, Pastor*  
*Lawrence Lyles, Organist*



# Reflections of Life

**James Wesley Merritt**, (better known as “Big Boy”) was born April 8, 1934 to the late William Henry Merritt and Viola Hall. James was the fourth of eleven children. He departed this life on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, NJ.

James attended the Brunswick County School system in Freeman, Virginia. At an early age James professed Christ as his personal savior, became a member and was baptized at the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Freeman, Virginia.

James relocated to New Jersey where he met and married Christine Anderson and they were blessed in their union with two children, James Bernard and Christine Rebecca.

James was employed as a machinist for American Biltrite, Inc. and Fisk Alloy Wire Co., (20 years) in Hawthorne, NJ.

James could be seen any given day taking long walks through the neighborhood and maintaining the upkeep of his home. His favorite pastimes were fishing (seeing who could catch the biggest fish), and shooting pool. He also loved to have family gatherings.

James was predeceased by his son, James Bernard, three sisters, four brothers and one uncle, Rev. Clarence Merritt.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his beloved wife of 64 years, Christine; two daughters, Christine Rebecca and Sasha Kiero; two brothers, Wilbert Merritt, Edward (Helen) Merritt and one sister, Gracie Williams, four grandchildren, Keika, Shaniqua, Shantel Merritt and Loven Sills. A host of great-grandchildren, one Goddaughter, Felicia Ann Williams, one aunt, Mary Merritt, two sisters-in-law, Thelma Brown and Dorothy Corrine Lindy, one brother-in-law, Joseph Hughes and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

# Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, Presiding

Hymn of Comfort #10.....“O How I Love Jesus”

The Written Word.....Psalm 27  
I Corinthians 15:51-58

Prayer of Comfort.....

Hymn of Consolation #432.....“I’ll Fly Away”

Acknowledgements.....

Words of Comfort.....

Selection.....

Reflections of Life.....Pastor McKinney

Eulogy.....Pastor McKinney

Recessional.....

**Interment**

Lodi Cemetery  
Lodi, New Jersey

# Togetherness

Death is nothing at all -  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.  
Call me by my old familiar name,  
speak to me in the easy way which you always used.  
Laugh as we always laughed  
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
Let my name be the household word it always was.  
Let it be spoken without effort.  
Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was:  
there is absolutely unbroken continuity.  
Why should I be out of your mind  
because I am out of your sight?  
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,  
somewhere very near,  
just around the corner.  
All is well. Nothing is past: nothing is lost.  
One brief moment and all will  
be as before — only better, infinitely happier and forever  
we will all be one together with Christ.

-Author unknown



## Acknowledgement

The family of the late **James Wesley Merritt “Big Boy”** 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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