

Celebrating The Life of
John E. Jackson, Jr.

Sunrise
May 28, 1923

Sunset
March 14, 2017



Monday, March 20, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME
143 Myrtle Avenue
Passaic, New Jersey
Rev. Annette Shands, Officiating
Johnetta Bush, Organist

Reflections of Life

John Elliott Jackson, aka "**Geech**" was born on May 28, 1923 in Columbia, South Carolina to the late Frances Davis Jackson and John Jackson, Sr.

John was formally educated in the Columbia school system. In early 1950's the family migrated to New Jersey, settling in Long Branch. John later moved to Paterson where he worked as a "Fixer of Things," TV's, transistor radios and anything else that was broken.

However, his main love was masonry. In the 1960's, he formed J&J Contractors & Masonry, working with many brick layers in the Paterson and Passaic areas. J&J laid many sidewalks, steps and walkways; constructed many brick porches and wishing wells. His favorite motto, "That's no problem."

John departed this life early Tuesday morning on March 14, 2017, consistent with his normal early morning routine.

John loved life, and indeed he had a long happy life with many friends. His favorite things were the Madison Ave Diner, a hot cup of black coffee, some jazz , a pretty "ride", some tools and a great truck. Never one to tolerate a mess, he was always cleaning with bleach being his favorite cleaning product.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Frances Jackson, his sisters, Nancy J. Perry, Lucy Henton and Thelma Jackson.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his daughter, The Honorable Irene Jones of Montclair, niece, Loretta Bazemore; his great niece and nephew, Vanessa Bazemore and Wilbur Mathis; devoted cousin, Rev. Annette Shands and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings - Rev. Annie Henley

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Annette Shands

Recessional

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

Clifton, New Jersey

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **John E. Jackson, Jr.** 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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