


Homegoing Service  
Celebrating the Life of  
**John L'Orange Ceaser, Sr.**

**Sunrise:**  
January 29, 1947

**Sunset:**  
March 22, 2017



Wednesday, March 29, 2017  
12:00 PM

**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**

1002 Rivington Street

Roselle, New Jersey

**Pastor Jeffrey Bryan**

**Reverend Gilbert C. Young Jr. - Officiating**

# Life Reflections

**John Ceaser** was born in Hartsville, South Carolina on January 29, 1947. John was the son of Virginia Benjamin Ceaser and Leroy Ceaser. Tragically, his father passed away one month before John was born. He would be raised by his mother, Virginia & his stepfather, Delmore Polmpey.

John was educated in the Hartsville Public School System. He graduated from Butler High School in Hartsville where he played football & basketball. He would later study Social Studies at Rock Hill Junior College in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

In 1966, John relocated to Linden, New Jersey. He was employed as a Machine Operator at Hyatt Roller Bearing in Clark, New Jersey for 15 years. While residing in Linden, John met Dawn Elaine Pearson and they were married on Dawn's birthday, November 15, 1981. Together they would raise his son from a previous marriage, John Ceaser, Jr. who was seven years old and her daughter, Shonté who was three years old at the time. Their union was blessed with two additional children, a daughter, Natasha and a son, Justin. He lived in Piscataway, New Jersey for 30 years before moving to Roselle, New Jersey and becoming a member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Roselle, New Jersey.

John was affectionately called “Pop” by all those who loved and adored him. He was a man devoted to his children. Throughout his trials and tribulations John held strong to his family and was there to support his children every step of the way.

On March 22, 2017 after living an amazing life and battling an incredible struggle John departed this life surrounded by his family at home.

John was predeceased by his loving wife Dawn Elaine Pearson Ceaser; his sister, Willie Mae Rogers & two brothers, Cornell & Leroy Ceaser.

John's love and legacy will live on through the cherished fond memories of his devoted sister, Katherine Hayes; his loving children, John Ceaser, Jr. & his wife, Maisha, Shonté Pearson-Ford and her husband, Gordon, Natasha Ceaser and Justin Ceaser; grandchildren, Taneya, André, Jeffrey, Anthony, Brianna, Za’Niah, Brandon, Sa’Nae, Tatiana, Ahzhané, Gordon Jr., Carrie, Shonta, Keisha, Michelle and Ta’Ney; his great grandchildren, Khalil, Ny’Asia, Rashawn and Xavier; his loved ones, Patricia (Quadir, Schalaya, Raquayya, Faheem, Stephanie and Schalathian, Jr.) Monaque (Esham & El’sha) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and loved ones.

To our sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and loved ones: Pop was loved by each and everyone of us collectively and individually. The love that Pop had for us connects us eternally. This love will resonate in our minds, hearts and souls forever.

# Order Of Service

Processional ..... “Pray For Me” - Donia Turner

Organ Prelude

A Parting View

Hymn ..... Family Selection

Scriptures

Old Testament - John 14:1-3

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Prayer of Comfort

John’s Request ..... “Dance With My Mother”

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgement of Condolences ..... Family

Obituary ..... Shonté Pearson-Ford

Hymn ..... Family Selection

Eulogy ..... Reverend Gilbert C. Young Jr.  
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church  
Roselle, New Jersey

Recessional..... “Who Holds Tomorrow” - Donia Turner

**Interment**  
Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

*The family of John Ceaser extends an invitation for you to join them immediately after the burial for a repast at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church.*

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***Services Entrusted To:***

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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### PALLBEARERS

John Ceaser Jr.	Justin Ceaser
André Pearson	Jeffrey Pearson
Gordon Twine	Gordon Ford

*Little did we know that morning that  
God was going to call your name.*

*In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
you did not go alone,*

*for part of us went with you  
the day God called you Home.*

*You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide;*

*and though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.*

### Acknowledgement

The family of **John Ceaser** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

