

*Celebrating The Life  
Of*  
**Richard Allen Simpson, Sr.**

*Sunrise*  
**July 21, 1953**

*Sunset*  
**May 27, 2017**



*Friday, June 2, 2017- 11:00 a.m.*

**Metropolitan Baptist Church**

149 Springfield Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey 07103

*Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, Jr., Officiating*

# Obituary

**Richard Allen Simpson, Sr.** of East Orange, NJ, peacefully entered eternal rest on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Clara Maass Medical Center. Richard was born on July 21, 1953, to the late Melvin Robert and Elizabeth Simpson in Orange, NJ. He was the eldest of six children. He attended the East Orange Public School System. Richard had a profound love for music and singing so much so, that he pursued his passion by performing with the Blecker Street Musical Group in the 1970's.

Richard was well known as the "Odd-Jobber" where he provided interior/ exterior painting as well as any other odd jobs requested. Richard also worked in a variety of industries before recently becoming employed with Foodtown of Bloomfield. At Foodtown, Richard worked in maintenance and was the driver for customers that needed a ride from the store to their home. He was admired by the patrons of the store, often being requested by name for transportation.

Richard had a very vibrant soul; he had a way of making everyone he met feel special. Richard was known for his style. There wasn't an outfit he had that didn't have a hat to match. He enjoyed taking trips to the Jersey Shore, painting, listening to Old School Music, and singing. In 2012, Richard accepted Christ into his life and joined the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark NJ.

Richard will truly be missed by all but especially: his wife, Patricia, children, Chekesha (Demetrius) and Richard Jr. of North Carolina, Latrice and Erica (Jean) of NJ; siblings, Dennis of Georgia, Lisa (Thaddeus) and Darcel (Cedric) of Arizona, and Melvinlene of North Carolina. He also leaves six grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He will also be missed by his mother-in-law, Mildred, brother-in-law, Kevin, mother-figure Thelma Murray, lifelong friend, David Clark and a host of other family members and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 121

New Testament - John 14:27

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....Choir

Poem..... Latrice Fairley

Remarks..... Family and Friends..... *2 Minutes Please*

Acknowledgements.....Lynda Thornes

Obituary.....Lynda Thornes

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. David Jefferson Jr.  
Metropolitan Baptist Church

Recessional

**Interment**  
*Rosedale Cemetery*  
*408 Orange Road*  
*Monclair, New Jersey*

Repast

The family requests that you join them for a repast immediately following the Interment at Metropolitan Baptist Church (*Dining Hall*),  
149 Springfield Ave. Newark, NJ 07103

# ***The Broken Chain***

**We little knew that day,  
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 beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.**

**Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.**

## ***Acknowledgement***

The family of **Richard Allen Simpson, Sr.** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to our family during our time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you.

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