

Celebrating The Life of  
Robert Lee Abraham Duffie



*Sunrise*  
*January 12, 1933*

*Sunset*  
*July 21, 2017*

*Friday, July 28, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

**Rev. Kenneth Clayton, Officiating**

**Scott Cumberbatch, Organist**

# Reflections of Life

**Robert Lee Abraham Duffie**, son of the late Isaac and Katie Duffie, was born on January 12, 1933 in Wedgefield, South Carolina. He departed this life on Friday, July 21, 2017 2:00 PM at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway, New Jersey.

Robert, Bob as he was fondly called, was one of nine children. Five of his brothers and sisters preceded him in death: James Thomas Duffie, Julia Barner, Lena Gibson, Mary Wright, and Isaac Duffie Jr. In 1939, he and his family moved to Baltimore, Maryland. He was educated in the elementary and middle public schools in the Baltimore Public School System. In 1955, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in 1957. In that same year, he moved to New York City. Some years later, he moved to Jersey City, New Jersey. He continued his education in the New Jersey school system where he obtained his GED.

Bob accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age. He attended Sunday school at Emmanuel Christian Community Church between the ages of seven and fourteen at which time he joined the church. He continued his spiritual journey by visiting churches within his community.

Bob was employed by several local distributing companies as a truck driver. He was also a part-time driver for Caldor Department Store until the store's final closing. He retired from driving trucks at age sixty-two. Soon after retirement, he began his private "sedan services"; driving only for those people living within his immediate community; until his health would no longer permit him to do so. He loved working in this capacity.

He was a fun loving guy who spoke his mind with no hesitation. He was well known for his sharp style and dress, hats and caps, and his love for his family and friends. Some of his most enjoyable family gatherings were family reunions, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year Eve, New Year Day celebrations and his birthday celebrations. Since age eighty (80), he celebrated all of his birthdays at Spain Restaurant in Newark, New Jersey with family and friends. He always looked forward to his "Birthday Parties"!

Bob's love for his family was monumental. He was always thinking about what he could do to make their lives better. One of his biggest dreams was to hit the "Pick It" so that he could buy houses for everyone in the family who did not own one.

He leaves to mourn three (3) sisters; Katie Greene, Delores Duffie, Mamie Evans, all of Baltimore, Maryland, one (1) brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, five young people whom he treated as his children, a long-time partner, Evelina Nickens, friend, Ernest Redwine, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and two (2) very special nieces; Carolyn Sago and Denise Huges who followed-up with his care.

***Kind words of appreciation to Bob from the children that he helped raise and their mom, Mary.***

**Mary:**

*To the Duffie family I'm so sorry for your loss, I will always miss BOB saying this what you get when you lucky.*

*R.I.P. Mary Coleman*

**Paulette:**

*This message is for my Father Robert Duffie who we called Bob. So sorry I could not be there today. You know I want to. But my mom is so sick also in the hospital. I want you to know you will be missed, I love you with all my heart. I WILL ALWAYS THINK ABOUT YOU. YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE FOR ME BIG GIRL". THAT'S WHAT YOU CALLED ME NO MATTER WHAT. MY SIBLING TEASE ME all the time and say "big gurl" can't do no wrong (Lol) My father Bob, loved all of us and always had our back always rest in Heaven my dear sweet father love you*

*Ralph, Paulette and Corey, Raphael and Grandchildren.*

**Violet (Bu-Bu):**

*To my father Bob on my way to remember you as you always told me you look just like your mama I always felt so proud of that because I know you thought the world of her as we thought the world of you you'll always be loved and missed boo boo boo boo. - Violet and Kids...*

**Kim:**

*Bob, it would take one million minutes to describe the love I have for you, and how grateful I am to have shared 50 +*

*Years of my life with you. I'm in tears because we had to be the most luckiest children in the world to have a step-dad that cherish every moment of our lives, up until this day! It's hard for me to say good bye! But I remember when we talked about life and death you told me, when the physical side of us is no longer on this earth and we lose someone you love, we gain an ANGEL keep watching over me and grandkids.*

*R.I.H. My Angel Big Daddy Bob*

**Angee:**

*I thank you for being the Dad in my life and for always being there for me. I love you and I will miss you dearly. I'm sadden as I write this good-bye to you, but.... I have so many good memories when it comes to you.*

*I often think about us chasing our first brought dog Judy White the (Old Fashion English Sheep) dog, up and down the street, and we really felt so special to have Chicken Little the only children living in New York with a baby chick running in the building. You gave us a great childhood!*

*R.I.P. Daddy Bob.*

**Paul (Bromo):**

*Bob, you will always be my hero, you took on 5 Children took good care of us all, been there for me through all my struggles, stay in my corner through thick and thin. I'm proud to call you dad. Rest In Peace, love you with all my heart and soul.*

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# Order of Service

Prelude  
Scott Cumberbatch

Processional

Selection  
“He is an On Time God”

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection  
“It’s So Hard to Say Good Bye”

Words of Comfort  
Rev. Kenneth Clayton  
Pastor, St. Luke Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ

Recessional

## **Interment**

Arlington Cemetery  
748 Schuyler Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey

## **Pallbearers**

Family and Friends

# I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me  
I'm following the path that God has laid for you to see  
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 to play  
Task left undone must stay that way  
I found that at the close of the day  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, or 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 so much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch  
Perhaps, my time seemed all to brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee  
God wanted me now  
HE SET ME FREE*



The Lord is my Sheppard, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will feel no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the day of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

Submitted by the Family

## Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Robert Lee Abraham Duffie** 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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