

# Celebrating The Life of James Arthur Goodman



*Sunrise*  
*April 11, 1953*

*Sunset*  
*July 24, 2017*

*Saturday, August 5, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

**Bro. Holland Williams, Officiating**

# Reflections of Life

**James Arthur Goodman**, affectionately known as “Pookie” was born on April 11, 1953 to Alonzell and Gilliebell Goodman in Whaleyville, Virginia. Upon the immediate death of his mother Gilliebell, Pookie was accepted with love and open arms to Uncle William and aunt Mary Mac Gordon. Additionally cared for by Leila and George.

Pookie received his education through the Paterson Public School System.

In 1968, Pookie met the love of his life, Paulette Stevens, during their junior year of high school. As their love blossomed, James and Paulette Stevens were united in matrimony on December 19, 1970. This union produce four children, James Jr. “Mann”, Julissa Arnold (Bobby) of Delaware, Ennis (Nicole Klein) and Shalonda Goodman.

Pookie worked at Inmont Dye Co., Pope Chemical, Mobay Chemical finally settling in at Nabisco retiring after thirty-three years in 2013.

Pookie then beared his new full time role as a loving husband, father and grandfather to his ten grandchildren, Ciera Goodman, Shadale, Arnold, Nija, Arnold, Jakiya Simmons, Madison Goodman, Bobby Arnold III, Mekhi Simmons, Jayden Simmons, Tyler Goodman and Christian Goodman; two great grandchildren, Azaria Alexander and Deadrian Lynch.

Pookie was loved by all who knew him. He touched many people lives especially his grandkids whom he loved dearly. Anytime they called he went running with anything they wanted or needed.

Pookie was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, two brothers, Floyd and Freddy Goodman and one sister, Sarethea Mae Adams.

Pookie departed this life on July 24, 2017.

Pookie leaves to mourn his beloved wife of forty-seven years, Paulette; four children, ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren; mother, Mary Gordon of Charleston, SC; a brother, Alonzell Goodman, Jr. (Elizabeth) of Felton, DE; brother-in-law, Paul Stevens; sisters-in-law, Eula (Charles) Jones and Karen Stevens; uncle, Cornell Blizzard of Hackensack; aunts, Pearl Larkins of GA, Ethel McMurray of Charlotte, NC, Edna Hayer of Paterson, NJ; devoted friends, Charles Jones, Roosevelt Byrd, Wade Brown, Richard “Slim” Smith, Perry Baldwin and Jimmy Lee Wright; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

Opening Song  
“All Things New”

Open Prayer  
Nate Williams

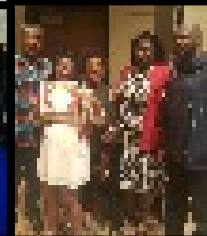
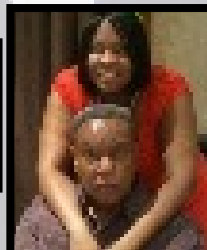
Eulogy/Obituary  
Bro. Holland Williams

Closing Song  
“He Will Call”

Closing Prayer  
Bro. Holland Williams



**Interment**  
East Ridgelawn Cemetery  
Clifton, New Jersey





# He Will Call

*(Job 14:13-15)*

1. *Life, like a mist, appears for just a day,  
Then disappears tomorrow.  
All that we are can quickly fade away,  
Replaced with tears and sorrow.  
If a man should die, can he live again?  
Hear the promise God has made:*

*(CHORUS)*

*He will call; The dead will answer.  
They shall live at his command.  
For he will have a longing  
For the work of his own hand.  
So have faith, and do not wonder,  
For our God can make us stand.  
And we shall live forever,  
As the work of his own hand.*

2. *Friends of our God, though they may pass away,  
Will never be forsaken.  
All those asleep who in God's mem'ry stay,  
From death he will awaken.  
Then we'll come to see all that life can be:  
Paradise eternally.*

*(CHORUS)*

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## Acknowledgement

The family of the late **James Arthur Goodman** 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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