

Celebrating The Life of
Joseph Sumter, Sr.



Sunrise
March 9, 1942

Sunset
August 27, 2017

Thursday, September 7, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

CHRIST TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

38 Hopper Street

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Brian Collins, Officiating

Jed Latimer, Organist



Reflections of Life

Joseph Sumter was born March 9, 1942 in Hopkins, South Carolina to the late Robert Sr and Francina (Jones) Sumter. He departed this early life on Sunday August 27, 2017.

Joseph was educated in the public schools of Richland County, SC and at an early age was baptized at Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church South Carolina.

Upon moving to Paterson, NJ he married the love of his life of 54 years to Francenia Tucker, that union produced four children.

Mr. Sumter was employed at Walco Linck (T.A.T) till his retirement after years of dedicated services. He was a very kind and caring man. He was a loving husband and one of his greatest joys in life was his children. He enjoys being a proud grandfather that smiles when the grandkids call him papa and granddaddy.

Mr. Sumter was a faithful member of Christ Temple Baptist Church Paterson, NJ that enjoys being a member of the Male Chorus Choir, Men in Action and The Male Chorus Association. He loves singing and listen to gospel music a couple of his favorite songs Cooling Waters and Lay down My Life for the Lord.

Addition to his parents, Joseph was preceded in death by grandson Marquette Ricks, four sisters: Wilhelmenia S. Goodwin, WillieMae Brown, Annie Mae S. Mann, Mary Sumter (his twin); one brother James Sumter.

Joseph leaves to cherish precious memories: his wife Francenia T. Sumter, two sons Joseph Sumter Jr from Washington DC, Patrick Sumter (Paterson, NJ). Two daughters Gail Renee Sumter (Waynesboro, VA), Veronica Williams (Paterson, NJ), Son-in-law Michael Williams. Nine grandchildren-Dushawn, Shaquell, Antwaun, Cory, Fatimah, Michael Jr, Qawi, Mia Rose, Katelyn. Three brothers Robert (Alma) Sumter of Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, Leroy Sumter (Paterson, NJ) and Roosevelt (Annie) Sumter of Columbia South Carolina. Sister-in-law Estelle Carroll, Brother-in-laws Tyrone, James Ruben, Ronald, all from Philadelphia, PA. And eight great-grands, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends and church family.

Order of Service

Officiating: Rev. Brian Collins

Prelude

Processional

Hymn of Praise

Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

SelectionChoir

Poem.....Granddaughters Fatimah & Mia Rose
Grandson Antwaun

Reflection of lifeSon Joseph Jr & Daughter Veronica

Special Remarks(2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

SelectionChoir

Eulogy.....Rev. Brian Collins

Recessional

Interment
East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!

I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The Sumter family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness and support shown during our time of sorrow. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

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