

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF**



*Robert Nelson, Jr.*

Sunrise: May 27, 1947  
Sunset: October 12, 2017

**Service:**  
Thursday, October 19, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey  
**Elder Joshua Younger, Officiating**  
**Reginald Steele, Organist**

# Obituary

**Robert Nelson** made his transition October 12, 2017. He was 70 years old.

On May 27, 1947 in Newark, New Jersey Robert Nelson Jr was born to the late Willie Mae Davis and Robert Nelson Sr. Robert was preceded in death by 2 sisters Rosetta Herrington and Geraldine Nelson and 3 brothers Earl Nelson, William Nelson and Nathaniel Nelson.

Robert attended Southside (Shabazz) High School in Newark NJ where he played baseball, football and basketball where he was All City and All State and graduated in 1965. He was drafted into The United States Army in 1966 where he was a Military Police Officer, in the 101st Airborne Infantry, and fought in the Vietnam War. Robert honorably discharged from the Army in 1968.

In 1968, Robert Jr. married the love of his life Patricia Brown. From this union three children were born. Lisa R Nelson, Robert S Nelson, Tracey L. Nelson.

In 1971, Robert joined the United States Secret Service where he served on the Presidential Detail for five (5) US Presidents. In 1984 Robert received his Bachelors Degree in English from Maryland University. Robert loved music, sports and his family. He loved to laugh and people loved to be around him to hear him laugh. He was a fun person to be around. Robert loved his wife and children so much. To express his undying love for Pat when he returned from Vietnam he had Pat's picture tattooed on his arm. He later added the grand daughters names. Robert Jr.'s legacy undeniably would be his love for his family.

He leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife Patricia Nelson, daughter, Lisa Nelson, son Shawn Nelson, daughter Tracey Nelson, sister Doretha Brady, mother in-law Alberta Hall, Brother in-law Ronald Brown, daughter in-law Yamillah Coursey-Nelson, sister-in-law Sharon Mitchell, three granddaughters Amirah Nelson, Brya Edwards and Jordan Coursey-Nelson, one grandson Rodney Coursey and one great grandson Kamari Tyler Smith, three nephews, Jerry Herrington, Donald Herrington, and Shahn Mitchell, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

“ His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

“Take Me To The King”

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

“Going Up To Yonder”

Eulogy

Pastor Curtis Cohen

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey



## *You Live Always*

*It's true we bring nothing into this world ,and nothing we take when we pass. So the time in between we must use carefully, for only the memories will last. We hurt because you left us, we cry because you're gone; with sorrow we must say goodbye. But your memory lives on. Because of what you mean to us the loneliness will always remain.*

*But because of all the love you gave,  
in our hearts you'll live always.*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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