


*In Loving Memory
of*

A portrait of a smiling man with a mustache, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. The background is a light beige color with faint, stylized musical notes and a treble clef.

*Robert Christian Blackwell
"Bubbie"*

Sunrise:
May 23, 1956

Sunset:
October 26, 2017

Service

Sunday, November 5, 2017 ~ 7:00 pm

Second Baptist Church

200 Locust Avenue

Roselle, New Jersey 07203

Rev. James E. Moore, Sr., Pastor

Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil, Eulogist

Life Reflections



Robert Christian Blackwell, a.k.a. "Bubbie," was born on May 23, 1956 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Robert Blackwell, Sr. and Mildred Angel Blakely Blackwell. He was the second born of four children: siblings: Margaret Alma, Clifford Maurice and Ira Jesse.

His early life began in Vauxhall, New Jersey where he was raised, loved, well known and respected. Robert was educated in the Union Public School system. He later joined the United States Navy where he received an honorable discharge. Following discharge, he did sales work for a short time. He traveled throughout the United States from Washington, DC and Virginia to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Bubbie always had a big heart and he truly was a loyal friend to his buddies: Larry, Spence and Butch. As Bubbie dealt with life's challenges, he kept a positive outlook and always asked about his friends and associates back in Vauxhall. He fought to stay well and often called family members to stay connected.

Bubbie enjoyed listening to Motown music and pretty much knew the words of the lyrics to every song. He loved music from that era. Some of his favorite groups included The Temptations, The Four Tops, The Spinners, The Whispers, Blue Magic, Smokey Robinson and The Miracles, and of course, Michael Jackson and the Jackson Five. Let's face it! He had great taste in music! He actually loved writing his own lyrics and sang his original songs over the course of 40 plus years.

Bubbie also loved getting dressed in either a three-piece suit or a stylish walking suit. He "stayed sharp" at all times, wearing his black Italian leather boots and topping it all off with sunglasses. He was always cool and suave.

Robert will sorely be missed and although he is no longer here on earth, he has reached his heavenly home, resting from labor to reward. We, the family, find comfort in knowing that Robert tried his very best to live up to his middle name "Christian." He professed the Lord as his personal savior and often quoted the scriptures verbally and in writing. He served under the mentorship of the late Bishop Leroy Holmes and Resurrection Temple Ministries.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his sister, Min. Margaret Blackwell Moore (Rev. James E. Moore, Sr.); two brothers: Clifford Maurice Blackwell (Marceline) and Ira Jesse Blackwell; aunt, Grace Blackwell; cousin, Priscilla Blackwell Roberts; relative, Betty Blackwell; eight nieces: LaTanyua, Brittany, and Donette Blackwell, Marette Tyree, Marissa Phifer, Tiffany Sandhu, Gardia and Jere Moore; six nephews: David Blackwell, James, Jr. and Timothy Moore, Michael Tyree, Stephen Phifer and Taj Sandhu; and five great-nieces.

Suddenly and sadly, Robert left us two days prior to our beloved godmother, Aunt Beatrice who loved him dearly. Godmother and godson will never be forgotten. God Bless them both!

Respectfully Submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude.....A. Vincent Jeffreys

Congregational Hymn.....#79 “At The Cross”

Prayer of Comfort

Congregational Hymn.....#97 “The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power”

Reading of the Scriptures

Old Testament: Psalms 23:1-6; Psalms 27:1-4

New Testament: Revelations 21:1-7

Selection.....“I Shall Wear A Crown”

Resolution/Acknowledgements

Remarks/Reflections

Obituary

Selection.....“Total Praise”.....Nieces and Nephews

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil
Seattle, Washington

Closing Prayer

*Immediately following the Service, Family and Friends are invited to
the Church’s dining hall where Refreshments will be served.*

Interment

Monday, November 6, 2017 ~ 11:00 am

Glendale Cemetery

Bloomfield, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203

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Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **Robert Christian Blackwell**

*“Someday... Someday I’ll Be Free... I’ll Be Free From Trouble.
No More Sickness Will There Be, In That Someday...
Someday I’ll Be Free.”*

I’m Free

Don’t grieve for me, for now I’m free
I’m following the path God laid for me
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 play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that place at the close of day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembering joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with time of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life’s been full, I’ve savored much
Good friends’ good times, a loved one’s touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don’t lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
GOD WANTED ME NOW
HE SET ME FREE!



*Share
+ Love + Share*

Acknowledgement

We, the Family, wish to thank all clergy, medical personnel, relatives, church family and friends for your loving support during our time of bereavement. We would also like to give a special thank you to the staff of Trenton Hospital for their kind and compassionate care of our beloved brother. Robert’s life now gives life to others through the Sharing Network Organization. He was a special gift to us all.

