

Celebrating The Life of
Ralph Sowell, Jr.



Sunrise
January 1, 1959

Sunset
December 14, 2017

Thursday, December 21, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST OF NORTH JERSEY AT GARFIELD
217-245 Passaic Street
Garfield, New Jersey
Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Ralph Sowell Jr. was born on January 1st, 1959 to Ralph Sr. and Bondell (Williams) Sowell. Ralph was raised by his grandparent's Paul and Edna Rendleman. Ralph was the third child of 4 children. Ralph was preceded in death by two sons, Habeeuallah Johnson and Ibn Rahim Allen Johnson.

Ralph was educated in the Newark Public School System. Ralph also attended Stanford Institution for Cosmetology/Barber and Drug/Alcohol Counseling, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. Ralph loved to dress; he especially loved his Vaseline for his lips. Ralph loved his football and his favorite team, The New York Giants. Ralph loved his grandchildren very much. Ralph loved all kids overall. Ralph had a big heart, he spoiled everyone. He always helped others and would look out for everyone. Ralph loved to play chess, cards, and work out. He loved to snack, his favorites was Apple pie and ice cream. Ralph is truly going to be missed by everyone that knew and loved him dearly.

On Thursday, an Angel whispered into the ear of Ralph (Rahim) Sowell Jr.; "Your job is done, it's time to come home." He agreed that it was time to rest.

Ralph leaves to mourn his death: Wife Venita R. Zeigler-Sowell, Daughters Lacrishia Grier and Danielle Green of Newark, NJ; Two sons Tahmir Sowell of Jersey City, NJ and Rashan Green of Clifton, NJ; Mother in law Edith Zeigler; One daughter in law Glory Aquino of Clifton, NJ; Three brothers Donnell Sowell, Rodney Hooker both of Newark, NJ and Tyrone Sowell of Florida; Two sisters Yvette Shalton of Bronx, NY and Garnell Sowell of East Orange, NJ; Brother in law Maurice Wallace, Bronx, NY; Six sister in laws Tracy Zeigler-Dominick of Atlanta Georgia, Keisha Zeigler of Kentucky, Michele Zeigler of Norfolk Virginia, Debra Battle of Irvington NJ, Iris Freeman of Paterson, NJ and Pamela Zeigler of Mint Hill NC; Four brother in laws Henry Zeigler III of Mint Hill NC, John Davis of Garfield NJ, Tim Freeman of Paterson NJ, and Quaim Braksdale of Passaic NJ; Grandchildren Ny'Asia Baptist, Natur'al Sutton, Nekhi Alston, Tiy-Aasia Johnson, Ibn Rahim Allen Johnson Jr., C'Anni Green, Myla Montes De Oca, Tysha Wells, and Mida Paige; Close Relatives, Tonya Sowell, Maikale Sowell, Rodney Hooker, Garnell Sowell, Kareem Muhammad, Monaud Toussaaint, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Presiding

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Comfort #10 “O How I Love Jesus”

The Written Word Psalm 27
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Melanie Gleabes

Hymn of Consolation #432 “I’ll Fly Away”

Acknowledgements

Words of Comfort

Solo.....Melaine Bridgers

Reflections of Life.....Pastor Melanie Gleabes

EulogyRev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

PALLBEARERS

Randy Hooker	Kareem Muhammad
Lenny Watson	Aldof Gaskins
Quaim Braksdale	Tim Freeman
John Davis	

MY LOVE

You have brought me so much joy, and now I can't imagine a day without you in my life.... Being with you was the best thing that has ever happened to me. Your grace and acceptance of me was so overwhelming, moving, and precious. I will always honor and love you. I love you so very much. You are my best friend, my soulmate, my lover, my ride or die. I loved you unconditionally. Thank you for the best 10 years. Until you and I meet again.

Love your Wife
Venita



Phenomenal Granddad

You were the best Granddad ever. We are going to miss you very very much. We will never forget the great times we shared. You will always be remembered and never forgotten!

Love You Always
Grandchildren

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Ralph Sowell, Jr.** 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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