

*Celebrating  
The Life of*



*Donald Franklin, Jr.*

*Sunrise  
March 20, 1937*

*Sunset  
January 12, 2018*

*Thursday, January 25, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.*

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

**Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Officiating**

## *Reflections of Life*

**Donald Franklin Jr.** was born on May 20, 1940 in Paterson, New Jersey to Ethel Franklin and Donald Franklin Sr.

Donald was educated in the Paterson School system, graduating from Eastside High School.

He became a member of the American Lodge #333 Temple # 258 on November 11, 2000.

He was married to Mary Franklin for over thirty-five years.

Donald Franklin Jr. was predeceased by his Mother: Ethel Franklin, Father: Donald Franklin Sr., Sons: Kevin Franklin & Keith Franklin, Sister: Donna Franklin-Platt and Brother: Ronald Franklin.

Donald leaves to cherish precious memories to his wife, Mary Franklin; Children, Donald Franklin III, Michael Franklin (Michele), Jerome Franklin, Joyce Franklin-Gillespie, Damien Eaton, Step-Daughter, Robin Eaton-Glover (Richard); Grandchildren: Christopher, Kevin Jr. Tiffany, Justin, Jordan, Kenneth, Rahjunah, Demeir, Ah'Zaiyah, Jermiah, Da'Rahya; Sisters: Elsie Forman & Cynthia Franklin; Stepmother: Ruth Franklin; Special Nieces: Robin Franklin-Isom, Veronica Franklin and a host of other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Selection  
Tammie Higgs

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament - Davon Roberts  
New Testament - R J Roberts

Prayer of Comfort  
Ronald Hinton

Selection  
Tammie Higgs

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection  
Tammie Higgs

Words of Comfort  
Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton  
*St. Luke Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ*

Recessional

## **Final Disposition**

Cedarlawn Crematory  
Paterson, New Jersey

## *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 peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I 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!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Donald Franklin, 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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