

*Celebrating The Life of
Jerry "Hatchett" Crawford*

Sunrise
August 6, 1951

Sunset
January 16, 2018

Friday, January 26, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

575 E. 18th Street

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Randall Lassiter, Officiating

Tijohn Williams, Organist

Reflections of Life

Jerry Crawford known as “Hatchett” was born in Paterson, New Jersey on August 6, 1951 to the late Deacon Thomas Crawford Sr. and Deaconess Carrie Page Crawford.

He attended Paterson Public Schools and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. While in high school, he played drums for the marching band. After graduating, Jerry played for North Jersey Philharmonic Orchestra Society from 1961 to 1971.

Jerry loved music; he was a singer and songwriter. He belonged to several singing groups: Elite, Main Attraction and Chocolate Syrup where he recorded and wrote the song “Just In The Nick of Time”. George Benson played guitar on one of the group’s recordings, “Off and Running”. He appeared at the Apollo Theater in Harlem, New York several times. He received a lifetime achievement award for being a member of the elite singing groups from Paterson.

Jerry was baptized at Calvary Baptist Church under the late Rev. Charles C. Currin. His activities in the church included the Cub Scouts Pack 57 and the Boys Scouts. He served on the Junior Usher Board and sang on the youth choir under the leadership of William Bill Butler. From time to time, he was asked to sing “The Lord’s Prayer”.

He was employed at William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey and Berkeley College in West Paterson, New Jersey where he worked in maintenance.

His parents Deacon Thomas Crawford Sr. and Deaconess Carrie Page Crawford and one sister Hester Austin preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish his memories one brother Deacon Thomas Crawford Jr. of Jersey City, N.J. one sister-in law Cynthia Crawford; several nieces: Tamara Crawford Hall, who is also his goddaughter, Stacy Johnson and Angela Carrecter. nephews: Craig Morris, Dennis Ivey, Jesse, Anthony, Tony and Dexter Hansley; Great nieces: Kiairia and Skye Hall, Shayla Johnson; great nephews: Najir Crawford who he cared for deeply, Richard Johnson, Brandon and Mehki Morris; two aunts: Althea Cooper of Gable, South Carolina and Rev. Dr. Alice Crawford of Paterson, New Jersey, one uncle Curtis Cooper of Gable, South Carolina, a special cousin Sam Bethea of Ossining, New York; a godson Steven Armstrong Jr.; special friends: Randolph Parks, Steve Armstrong, Bernetti Murphy, Melvin Davis, David Wallis, Richard Fulcher and a host of relatives and friends.



Service of Triumph

II Timothy 4:6-7

MUSICAL PRELUDE.....	Tijohn Williams Richard Fulcher
PROCESSIONAL	Scriptural Passages
INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER.....	Rev. Alice Crawford
HYMN OF COMFORT.....	“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”
OLD TESTAMENT.....	Psalm 23:1-6
NEW TESTAMENT	Revelations 21:1-7
SOLO.....	“Anchored in the Lord” - Brother Jerome White Accompanist Irene Simpson
PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE.....	Minister Kelvin Quince
WORDS OF COMFORT & REFLECTION.....	Deacon Leroy Coleman Deaconess Annabelle Jones Ray Lyde Linda G. Smith Steven Armstrong Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly Rev. Dr. A. James Kuykendall Samuel Bethea
SONG	“Just in the Nick of Time” - written by Jerry Crawford
SOLO.....	“So Hard to Say Goodbye” - Glenn Pinchom Accompanist Richard Fulcher
RESOLUTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....	Church Clerk
REFLECTIONS OF LIFE.....	Corey Johnson
POEM.....	“The Love for my Brother”- Kiairia Hall
SELECTION.....	Calvary Mass Choir
EULOGY.....	Rev. Dr. Randall M. Lassiter
CLOSING SELECTION.....	“I’ll Fly Away” - Calvary Mass Choir “When We All Get to Heaven”
RECESSIONAL.....	Scriptural Passages
INTERMENT.....	Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson, NJ

The Love for My Brother

There are deep memories and much love and affection I can remember and never can erase from our youth through our teens to the present age. We were never apart thanks to our caring parents. Our family prayed together and stayed together. We both had different gifts and talents and many dreams and visions, which took us many places in life.

This is the hardest message I ever had to write but I know you will always be close to me in spirit. I know you believed in the Lord and you prayed and read the word. You had a gentle spirit and a loving heart, and through your weakness today, you are renewed. We both learned the Lord's Prayer from mom, and you could sing it better than I.

We read in 1 Peter 4:8 "Above all, love each other deeply because love covers over a multitude of Sins". As I pray for you,

I will always remember you in my prayers.

Even though we will be apart,

I believe you will be present with the Lord.

One day we will meet and see each other again,
where we can worship and praise the Lord together.

Love you brother from my heart.

Tommy

Acknowledgement

We the family of the late **Jerry Crawford** express sincere appreciation for all the acts of kindness and for each expression of sympathy extended during our time of bereavement. A special thank you to Pastor Randall M. Lassiter, the leaders and members of the Calvary Baptist Church, the St. Joseph Hospital Medical Staff and the Carnie P. Bragg Funeral Home staff. May God bless each of you.

With Love,

The Family

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