



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 remembered joy.
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;
Ah 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 ones touch.

Perhaps my time seems all to 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.

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Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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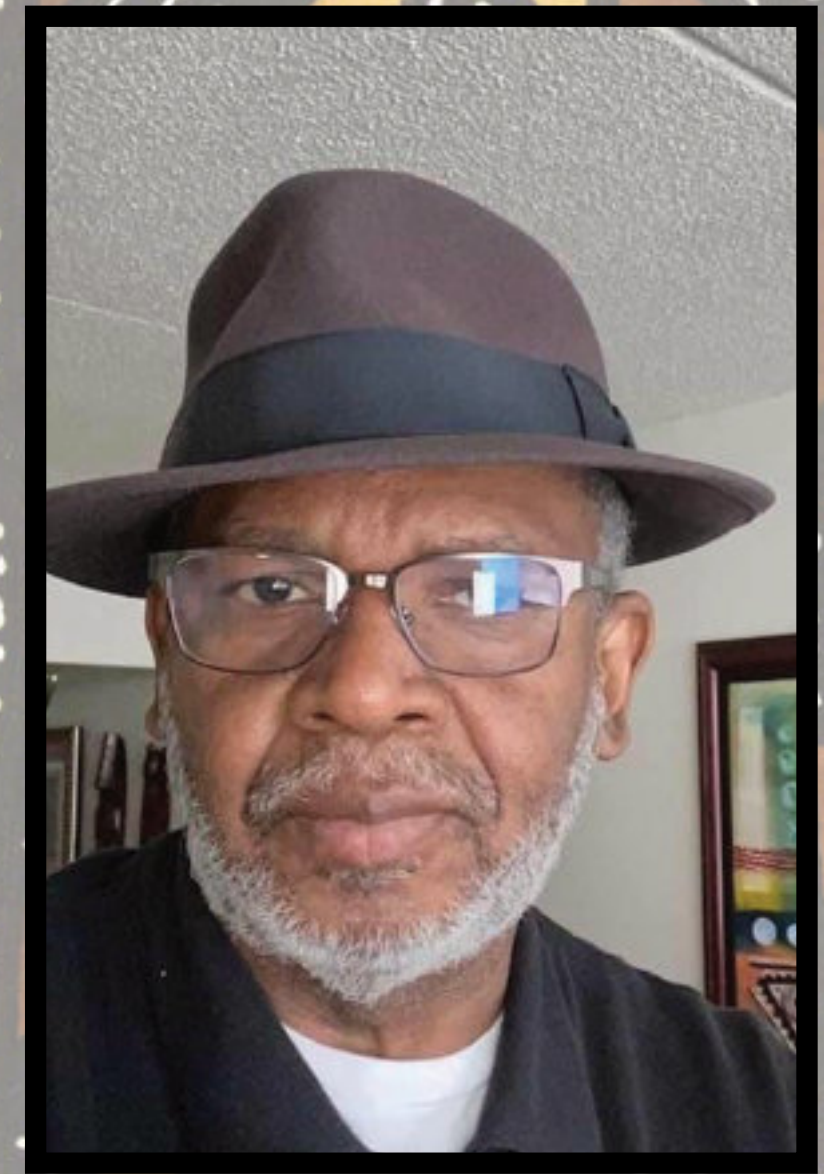
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Celebration of Life for James H. Nelson



Sunrise:
February 6, 1948

Sunset:
June 24, 2022

Obituary

James Houston Nelson Jr, fondly known by the name “Butch” and sometimes, “Jimmy” to family and close friends, departed this earthly plane on June 24th, 2022, in Newark, New Jersey.

James was born on February 6, 1948 in Bronx, New York, as the beloved first born and only son to James and Rebecca Nelson and lovingly raised by his maternal grandparents, Thomas and Rebecca Haley.

James lived the majority of his life in Bronx, New York, and graduated Samuel Gompers High School followed by two years of college study. He joined the United States Army where upon he received an honorable discharge.

He worked for a substantial amount of time as a train conductor for the New York Transit Authority subway system, as well as employment as a mailman and concierge. He moved to Newark, New Jersey in 2006, where upon he retired in 2013.

As a “people” person, much of his part-time and volunteer work centered around active engagement with the public.

He joined The Salvation Army Foster Grandparents program in 2017 after hearing of the program at a Veterans celebration in 2016. He worked as a volunteer with UVSO children, ages six months to four years of age and his most recent involvement was with the age group 2 to 4.

He remarked that, as a parent of two children, his learned parenting skills helped tremendously with being patient and having an understanding for the children with whom he was engaged. He deeply loved working with his “little ones” and spoke of how attached he became to them and they to him.

Over the years, James was honored for volunteer work within the Salvation Army Organization, UVSO, NJ State and City of Newark, receiving certificates of acknowledgment for volunteer services within the neighborhood and AmeriCorp Seniors Programs.

In addition, at the time of his passing, he served on the Resident Executive Board as Treasurer, at 2 Nevada Street.

In his leisure time, James was a voracious reader and an avid listener of music. He would proudly opine that his music collection could rival any collector and includes all genres of music, but mainly jazz and r&b.

In addition, he loved socializing and engaging with family and friends. He loved to dance and was always ready for a good time. He brought warmth, merriment, and “*style*” where ever he went.

He loved interior design and his living environment reflected his exceptional taste.

He enjoyed cooking and loved making “a big pot of chili” - something very reminiscent of his father, James Nelson.

In “Going Home” James was lovingly welcomed and embraced by all of his family members preceding him in death. And, the Angels, no doubt!

James is preceded in death by his son, Jamal H. Nelson, parents, James and Rebecca Nelson and grandparents, Thomas and Rebecca Haley.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his daughter, Rahshan Nelson Yates and her husband, Michael; granddaughter, Jaleesa Hardy; sisters, Norma Jean Glass, Geneva Nelson, Patricia A. Nelson, Karen O. Nelson, Lynn Y. Nelson, Kim Roberts and her husband Gordon, and Dyan Nelson; aunts, Evelyn Mavins and Jameelah Shabazz; uncle, Charles Nelson, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and loving friends.

Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church
88 Lyons Avenue, Newark, NJ

Presiding over Services:
Pastor Rodney Harraway of Salvation Christian Center
Wilkes Barrier, PA

Order of Service

Saturday, July 9, 2022
Viewing - 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Service 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Processional..... Clergy & Family
Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Scripture Reading Milt Sharp, Jr.
Prayer of Comfort
Musical Selection Kim Armstrong
Remarks (Two Minutes)Family & Friends
Reading of the Obituary..... Fred Lewis
Eulogy..... Pastor Rodney Harraway
Recessional

Repast to Follow

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Interment
Private