



Celebrating the Life of
JAMES L. MOTLEY

SUNRISE: April 15, 1947

SUNSET: July 7, 2022

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 - 6pm

Solid Rock Church

3373 3rd Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456

OBITUARY

James L. Motley was born on April 15, 1947 to Jesse Bell Motley and Oscar Motley in Talladega, Alabama. He departed this life on July 7, 2022. He was the eleventh child of fifteen children.

In his teens he moved to New York to be with his mother, whom he loved dearly. He started working at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ, in which he has a host of friends. He resigned from there after serving 20+ years. He resumed employment at the Fort Lee Board of Education in Fort Lee, NJ until his retirement.

James went by many nicknames Lenard which was his birth name, James, Jimmy, Burnup, and Mr. Peewee. We all knew him as James. He was a guy full of jokes and mostly advice. He was a very serious person and never spoke much. He was a member of the Holy Tabernacle Church under the leadership of Bishop C.J. Graham, where he accepted the Lord in his life. He served on the Deacon Board and the choir.

He entered Holy Matrimony with Maglensie Smith-Motley on May 31, 1975. He leaves his legacy behind with his six beautiful children, Rachele Motley, James Motley (Hawah Motley), Anthony Motley (Franny Sexton), Sylvia Motley-Cooper (Bishop Terry Cooper), Isaiah Motley and Jamie Holmes.

He also leaves behind: his four brothers, Thomas Motley, Aaron Motley, Willie Motley and Calvin Motley; two sisters, Irene Kinlow and Elder Lizzie Mcshane; two sisters-in-law, Lynette and Dora Motley; and his loving and devoted companion, Barbara Holmes. We want you all to know that he loved you all deeply. Nine grandchildren + one, Dylan our Angel = ten, Cornelius Boomer, Leah Motley, Samantha Boomer, Antoinette Motley, Jaiyah Motley, Zhane Cooper, Eleasha Cooper, Jaylah Motley, and Olyviah Motley; one goddaughter, Tabitha Wilson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

James will be missed. His smile, fussing, his jokes and just being there to support anyway he could. James, you beat us to glory running this race!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....Pastor Hans Anderson

Clergy and Family M.C.....Paul Motley

Opening Hymn.....“Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-4.....Pastor Hans Anderson

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14.....Minister Eric Motley

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Terry Cooper

Solo.....SRC Praise Team

Obituary & Acknowledgement.....Hawah Motley

Reflection (Two Minutes).....Family & Friends

Family Tribute.....Anthony Motley

Solo

Eulogy/Words of Encouragement.....James Motley
 (“The Oldest Son”)

Closing Hymn.....“Pass Me Not”

Final Viewing.....Unity Funeral Chapel

Recessional

Interment..... The Kensico Cemetery
 273 Lakeview Avenue, Valhalla, NY 10595

Committal and Benediction



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

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