

## *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

## *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Acknowledgement*

*Our family would like to express Their appreciation and gratitude  
for the many acts of kindness during this time of bereavement.  
May God bless you all for your concern.*

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## *James O. Linton, Sr.*

**Sunrise**  
July 4, 1956

**Sunset**  
July 25, 2022

**Service**  
Thursday, August 4, 2022 - 10:00AM

**Nesbitt Funeral Home**  
165 Madison Avenue • Elizabeth, NJ 07201  
**Rev. Orlando Riley, Officiating**



# *Come To Me*

*God saw you were getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So he put His arms around you  
And whispered "Come to me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched you  
And saw you pass away  
Although we loved you dearly  
We could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove  
to us, He only takes the best.*



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# Order of Service

ORDER OF CELEBRATION



**Officiant**  
Denise Lang

**Opening Hymn**  
Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

**Scripture Readings**  
Old Testament - Pastor Michael Linton  
New Testament - Bro. Eugene Hammonds

**Prayer of Comfort**  
Pastor Tyshon Davis, Jr.

**Selection**  
Jannetta Smith  
Phylicia Hall

**Reflections**  
Men's Ministry/Mentee : Amir Kinsler  
Laymen - Bro Melvin Sims  
Trustees - Bro Herbert Holmes  
Family - Rev. Frances Gilliard  
Co-Worker/Friend - Bobby Dickins

**Reading of Resolutions & Obituary**  
Katrina Watkins

**Selection**

**Eulogy & Benediction**  
Rev. Orland T. Riley, Sr., Pastor  
(*New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church*)

**Recessional**

**Interment**  
Hollywood Cemetery  
Union New Jersey



**James O. Linton, Sr.**, the eighth child of nine children born to the late Robert Lee and Viola Gilliard Linton was born on July 4, 1956, in Sumter, South Carolina. There he attended Sumter public schools and graduated from Hillcrest High School. James moved to Elizabeth, New Jersey right after graduating and began his career as a "truckologist," as he would say with his Uncle Elijah as his mentor. After a few years working at Tri-State Trucking, he would begin his career at Shoprite and retire after 34 years of exemplary service.

On April 18, 1987, he was joined in holy matrimony to Linda Hammonds. To this union was born James "JJ" Linton, Jr. and Polly "Missy" Linton, adding to his already beautiful legacy of two daughters, Jysheekwa Smith, and Janie Holmes.

James joined the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey in 1991. James loved his church and church family and looked for any opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He believed in serving and helping others while holding many positions over the years. One of his last assignments was serving as the Chairman of the Trustee Board. Trustee Linton also served proudly as an Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, VBS Director, Adult Sunday School Teacher, VBS Teen Teacher, Youth Ministry Driver, and Church Van Driver, and also has served as a Sunday morning worship leader. Trustee Linton's services extended outside of his home church to the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association where he served faithfully in the Laymen's Ministry and was also a past president of the Laymen. He found joy with every opportunity he had to teach and share the gospel.

James was known and loved by many and strived to demonstrate his faith to all he encountered.

James was called home to Glory, Monday, July 25, 2022.

James was predeceased by his parents, Robert Lee and Viola Gilliard Linton, Sr., and his brothers, Robert "Bobby" Linton, Jr (Anne), and Elijah "Pete" Linton.

James will be forever loved and cherished by his loving wife, Linda. His children, Jysheekwa (Andy) of New Born, NC, Janie Holmes of Charlotte, NC, James "JJ" Linton, Jr, and Polly "Missy" Linton of Linden NJ. Sisters Mae F. Lang (Otis) of Elizabeth, NJ, Bertha Williams (Willie) of Columbia, SC, Viola Linton of Riverdale, GA, Ora Lee Wilson (John) of Kingstree, SC, Carolyn Rogers (Clarence) of Sumter, SC, Rachel Linton of Florence, SC. Sisters & Brothers-in-laws Gladys Walker of Passaic, NJ, Eugene Hammonds (Dorlena) of Dayton, OH, Joyce Shephard (Pete) of Paterson, NJ, Patricia Hammonds of Passaic, NJ, Kim Washington (Craig) of Dallas TX. An aunt, Bernathea Wilson of Sumter, SC. Five grandchildren, Essence Tillman, Juron Jahqual Lee, Kamrin Smith, Jakobi Smith, and a Great-Grandson , Jasir Jaell Lee. A host of nieces and nephews and countless cousins, church family, and a multitude of friends.