

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
William Rufus Linsley, Jr.

Sunrise
May 9, 1944

Sunset
August 28, 2022



Service

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 • 12:00 p.m.

Canaan Baptist Church

535 E 22nd Street • Paterson, New Jersey 07514

Rev. Barry L. Graham, Pastor

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Consolation

Selection

Acknowledgements/Remarks (limited 2 minutes)

Julius

Kim White

Deon

Adrienne

Reflections Of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. Barry L. Graham

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Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road

Paramus, New Jersey

Reflections of Life

William Rufus Tinsley, Jr. was born on May 9, 1944 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was born to the late William Rufus Tinsley Sr. and Mattie Maxwell-Tinsley.

He was also known as Bubba, the nickname that he received from his sisters Ruth Lee and Beatrice Pegues when they were children. So moving forward the nickname Bubba was who he became known as, as well as Bill.

He grew up in Charlotte, N.C., and then moved to Paterson, New Jersey in his early 20's. He worked at Coca-Cola and later on at Marcal Paper Company. He had his own business buffing floors and worked part time at Carnie P. Bragg Funeral Home. Bill was known to be a hard worker and loved to dress. He loved talking with people. He was a Deacon at Solid Rock Baptist Church and Exodus Baptist Church Paterson under the leadership of Rev. Samuel Jackson. He served until his disability didn't permit him to drive.

He was often referred to by many as Bubba, Unc, or Daddy Bill. He was a true lover of food. Many people enjoyed his infectious smile, talking with him, and laughing. He also had a way with words. He often made up his own words. He had his own personal dictionary that kept many laughing and was very quick witted. He enjoyed his grandchildren and spoiling them.

His last few years his daughter Adrienne became his caretaker. He enjoyed hanging out with her at the casino, hanging out driving around, and doing fun things. When he was being still he would enjoy listening to his radio station 1010 win, or a good football or basketball game.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Lee Tinsley.

He leaves cherish precious memories: wife Ethel Tinsley, daughters Fontella Tinsley, Adrienne Tinsley, step children Larry Nelson (Dee), Clifford Nelson (Annette), Melvin Lewis, Varry Washington (Emmanuel), Rhonda Lewis, sister Beatrice Pegues, god-daughter Kim White-Norman, and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many others that he loved so dearly.

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!*

Acknowledgements

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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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