

# HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR D E A C O N ROBERT ROSEBERRY, SR.



## 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.

**“He lifted my burdens and right now my soul feels so glad,  
all things are possible if you would only believe...”**

**Sunrise:**  
February 18, 1938

**Sunset:**  
March 25, 2025

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**Service**

Saturday, April 12, 2025 - 10:00am

**New Bethel Baptist Church**

856 East Jersey Street • Elizabeth, NJ

**Rev. Orlando T. Riley, Sr., Officiating**

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# Order of Service

- Organ Prelude**
- Prayer of Comfort**
- Solo**
- Scripture**
- Family Tribute**
- Acknowledgment & Resolutions**
- Obituary**
- Solo**
- Eulogy**
- Benediction**
- Recessional**

Robert (“Bob”) Roseberry Sr. was born on February 18, 1938, in Slocumb, Alabama to the late Sam Roseberry and Bertha Thompson. He relocated to Newark, New Jersey in the late 50s and spent his early career working as a baker at Fisher’s Bakery in Newark. He would later meet and marry Barbara Marie White, of Elizabeth, and their union was blessed with three loving children - Deborah, Robert Jr. and Craig.

Bob was quite the character. He was friendly, reliable and hardworking, as well as charismatic, easy-going and a consummate jokester with an impeccable sense of style. He had many jobs throughout his life, but worked primarily in manufacturing at Singer Sewing Company, Sears and Pabst Blue Ribbon until his retirement in 2004.

Bob always had a close relationship with God and a reverence for the Word, but it wasn’t until his wife, Barbara, introduced him to New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in 1963, that he finally found the right church to call "home". The couple attended services regularly and, within a year, they both became faithful members of the church, under the pastoral leadership of the late Rev. Charles E. Young, and would raise their growing family within its loving community.

They were deeply committed to nurturing their spiritual development. They immersed themselves in the scripture and were loyal devout parishioners, both in service and in deeds.

In 1982, Bob became an ordained deacon (with his wife at his side) and served faithfully and diligently in that position for over forty years, both under the Christian instruction of the late Rev. Samuel L. Carter and Rev. Orlando T. Riley, Sr.

Bob was a kind, giving soul who spent most of his time in service to his church, his family, his community and friends. He was always willing to help in any way he could and never hesitated to offer comfort, guidance or prayer to those in need. He was known to call or visit the sick and shut-in; embrace new church members and visitors alike; support and encourage the youth; and provide much-needed outreach to his local community – always with a smile, a warm embrace, some heartfelt words, and a pocket full of jokes! If he never called you “brain damage” at least once, you definitely missed out!

Within his church community, Bob was renowned for his charitable works, invaluable mentorship, riveting testimonials and electrifying singing voice. He was often a featured soloist in the choir delivering soul-soaring renditions of timeless gospel standards like “I’m Going To Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”, “Only Believe” and “I’ll Keep On Living After I Die” – which remain his most treasured signature songs.

Bob was a dedicated and dutiful member of New Bethel; continuing his service as a trusted deacon, elder and church custodian throughout the remainder of his days. Even in the wake of devastating loss or his own health issues, Bob was always present, positive and upbeat – taking everything in stride – with grace, humor and humility. This was especially true following the loss of his beloved wife and spiritual partner, Barbara, in 2008. Somehow, Bob managed to persevere and thrive. He had an uncanny ability to make it all look so easy and effortless (even when it was anything but that). He remained steadfast in his faith and never wavered from his commitment to his church, his community, his family or his friends. That's what made him so special, so cherished and so beloved.

For him, life was about living and loving to the fullest: finding peace in all things; celebrate every moment with an unyielding sense of joy and hopefulness; finding purpose, strength and salvation in the power of the Word; and trust that God will always guide you through – even the darkest moments – if you only believe and put your faith in Him.

Bob leaves to cherish his loving and lasting memories: his three children – Deborah Roseberry Bostic (Elizabeth, NJ), Robert Roseberry Jr. (Washington DC) and Craig Martin-Roseberry (New York, NY); sister, Julia Roseberry McLeod (Columbia, MD), brother-in-law Gergory (Tommie) White (Colonia, NJ); son-in-law John Martin-Roseberry (New York, NY); grandson Troy Roseberry Sr. (Louisville, KY), great grandchildren Troy Roseberry Jr. (Louisville, KY), Jason Mays Roseberry (Louisville, KY), Chanee’ Roseberry (Louisville, KY) and Na’Sean Roseberry (Louisville, KY); as well as a host of great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, church family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Deaconess Barbara M. Roseberry; brothers George Roseberry, Sam Roseberry, Richard Roseberry, LK Roseberry and William Roseberry; sisters Anna Mae Roseberry and Cassie Roseberry Williams; mother-in-law Sarah A. Sanders; brother-in-law Yasin Ishaq; sister-in-law Fatima Ishaq; and sister-in-law Dr. Delores Finger-Wright.

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