

Home Going Celebration
For
Joseph Walter Fleming Sr.
"Big Joe"



Sunrise:
August 7, 1920
New Orlean, LA.

Sunset:
September 5, 2004
Oakland, CA.

SERVICES

Saturday, September 11, 2004
11:00 A.M.

First African Methodist Episcopal Church
3701 Telegraph Avenue
Oakland, California
Reverend Harold R. Mayberry
Senior Pastor

Officiating
Reverend Cheryl Ward

Remembering...

JOSEPH WALTER FLEMING, SR. was born August 7, 1920 in New Orleans, LA. He was the fifth child born to George and Cora Fleming.

He received Christ as his personal savior at an early age at St. John Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA., under the leadership of Rev. Collins.

While attending Mc Donald #35 High School, he excelled in college preparatory classes, excelled also in track and field. He graduated from McDonald #35 High School in June of 1940.

On September 25, 1940, he married his high school sweetheart, Vivian Theresa Smith and from this union, seven children were born. Vivian, his loving wife for sixty years preceded him in death, November 15, 2000.

The family moved to California in 1942, Joseph, Sr. Found employment (like many other black men of his generation at the shipyards) at Todd Shipyards in West Oakland, Bethlehem Steel, Grandma Bakery, Caterpillars Tractor Co. and retired from Reynolds Aluminum as a Career Machinist.

Joseph Sr. was a proud man and he was a very good family provider and in regards to his personality, he was a very outgoing man. He enjoyed music, playing the trumpet, loved sports where he was an avid 49 ers fan, and a reader of good books. He enjoyed family gatherings and was a great conversationalist.

He was known to have an outgoing written relationship with the Oakland Tribune Editor page regarding numerous topics.

He was well loved by his co-workers and many friends and a law abiding citizen and a good neighbor.

His loving memories will forever remain in the hearts of his children: one son Joseph Fleming, Jr., Oakland, CA., six daughters; Cynthia Fleming-Davis, Berkeley, CA, Cora Bird, Oakland, CA., Nancy Fleming-Rice, Vacaville, CA., Rhonda Ealy, Richmond, CA., one daughter in-law, Shirley Fleming, one son in-law, David Bird both of Oakland, CA., one brother Earl Fleming of South Carolina and six sisters in-laws: Mildred Smith, of Oakland, Lillian White, of Los Angeles, CA., Barbara Geddes, Mildred Travis, Pam Smith, and Cheryl Smith all of New Orleans, La., three brother in-laws; Edgar Smith and Lionel "Beaver" Smith both of New Orleans and Len White of Los Angeles, CA., eight grandchildren; Dondrell Spikes, Kim Taylor, (Greg) Andrea Bird, LaRhonda Gegos, Kina Payne, Marla Davis, Sheldon Davis, Bryon Clark, Thalys Ealy, wife (Patrice), and Anfra Bird; Ten Great Grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, and other loving relatives and friends.

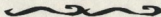
Precious Memories





I'm Free

*Dont grieve for me, for I'am 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 peace at the close of the day.
If my parting had left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes. these things I too will miss.
Be not burned with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has beenfull, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Dont lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God want me now, He set me free...*





Back Together Again

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Reverend D. Mark Wilson

Processional of Clergy and Family

Scripture Elder Earl Warren

Old Testament: Psalms 23

New Testament: 11 Cor. 5:1-10

Prayer Reverend Dr. Frankie Moore

Solo Sister Lucretia Euwell

Acknowledgment Sister Dean Woods

Obituary Deacon Jesse Fields Jr.

Special Remarks Earl Fleming (Brother)

Expressions Of Love Family and Friends

(Two Minutes Please)

Solo Sister Ursula Connors

Eulogy Reverend Cheryl Ward

CEO, Cheryl Ward Ministries

Recessional of Family and Friends

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial park

Richmond, California

Repast

1095 Parkside Dr.

Richmond, California