



Acknowledgment

The family is most appreciative for all acts of kindness shown during our hours of sorrow. Thank you for your cards, flowers, food, visit and especially your prayers to console our hearts.

We are very grateful and may God continue to bless each of you.

The Family

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 the day

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered

A friendship shared,

a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life has been full, I've 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!

Joy



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Memorial Service Of

William Monroe Bratcher

Sunrise

April

15,

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Sunset

August

24,

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Saturday, September 5, 2020

3:00 PM

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Order of Service

- PRESIDING PASTOR
- PROCESSIONAL
- EULOGY
- PRAYER & WORDS OF COMFORT
- SOLO
- REMARKS
- FAMILY REFLECTIONS
- SOLO/SELECTION
- JOHN SUTHERLAND
- RECESSIONAL



Don't Cry For Me

Here we are again.
That old familiar place where the wind will blow.
No one ever knows the time or space.
Don't cry for me, don't shed a tear.
The time I've shared with you,
Will always be,
And when I'm gone, still carry on.
Don't cry for me.

I love you Dave - William Monroe Bratcher
From 'Lady

The Obituary

William 'Big Dave' Monroe Bratcher was born in Jamaica Queen, NY on April 15, 1953 to the late Annie Jane Monroe and James Williams who preceded him in death.

William made his way to North Carolina when he was just seven months old and attended school at Upchurch until he graduated in Raeford, NC.

William 'Dave' was the knee baby of five kids, three which preceded him in death (brothers, Grady Otis D. and Danny Monroe all of New York and Leola McKoy of Red Springs, NC was the oldest and one sister he had, Thomas Williams of Jamaica, NY is the baby of William 'Dave'.

William is survived by his wife of 47 years, Margaret Ann Bratcher of the home, together they shared three boys: William Anthony Bratcher, Jr. (Monty) of Louisville, KY, Christopher Maurice Bratcher (Chanel) of Atlanta, GA and Lamecha Farring of Red Springs, NC and Travis Sentel Bratcher of Raeford, NC; living siblings, Leola McKoy is the oldest and only sister of William Dave and Thomas Williams of Jamaica, NY, who was the baby sibling of Dave; preceded him in death: Nathaniel Lucky, Carol Hobson, Eric Jerome Hobson, Gerture Hobson, Thelma Hobson and Betty Jean Jones; the in-laws all of Raeford, NC, Lilly Lucky, John Hopson, Jr., Timothy H. Hobson and Gary Wayne Hobson; seven grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, best friend, Pete Little Daddy Jordan and any and every, loved them some Dave.