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Even Death Is a Time for rejoicing
And so when death brings weeping
And the heart is filled with sorrow.
It beckons us to seek God
As we ask about “tomorrow” ...
And in these hours of “heart-hurt”
We draw closer to believing
That even death in God’s Hands
Is not a cause for grieving
But a time for joy in knowing
Death is just a stepping-stone
To a life that’s everlasting
Such as we have never known.

Lovingly submitted by
The Band of Hand

Acknowledgement
We extend a Very Special Thank You to Ms. Shirley Loggins of
Milwaukee, WI for all the humble assistance, heartfelt concern and
meaningful friendship she so graciously provided.
We also gratefully acknowledge with sincere appreciation, all of the
prayers, cards, calls, and many acts of kindness that have been
shown during this time of bereavement.
Thank You & May God’s Richest Blessings be with you always,
The Family of Agin R. Beyah

Celebrating the Life
of
Clinton Eugene Barker
{Agin R. Beyah}

Sunrise
January 5, 1936

Sunset
October 18, 2011

Thursday, October 27, 2011
Wake: 11:00am
Service: 12:00noon

Hopewell Baptist Church
1301 Fillmore Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14211
Rev. Dr. Dennis Lee, Jr., Pastor
Reflections of a Life

Born Clinton Eugene Barker on January 5, 1936, in Buffalo, New York the eldest of two sons to the late Clinton Austin Barker & the late Ruth Belle (McFarland) Barker. Gene or “Boo” as he was called by many who knew him, received his primary education from the Buffalo Public School System attending P.S. #75, P.S. #31 and Emerson High School. In 1954, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and was trained in Military Communications.

After completing his tour of duty he received a Honorable Discharge and return to his hometown of Buffalo, where he reunited with his grade school sweetheart Gwendolyn Beckham. On June 6, 1959 they were united in Holy matrimony at St. John Baptist Church then located on Sycamore Street. And from this union five children were born.

In 1963, Gene relocated with his family to Washington, DC where he became a Police Officer with the D.C. Police Department after an on-duty accident he then relocated his family to Los Angeles, California.

In 1966 he discovered his passion for hair care, and developed this craft to become a licensed cosmetologist. Upon studying Islam he adopted the Muslim faith, and legally took the name of Agin Rashad Beyah.

After many years in Los Angeles, he moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where he operated his hair salon and began to implement his vision of publishing a magazine.

In the late 1990’s Agin relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he opened another hair salon and continued his vision of making his magazine titled “COSMOS” a reality. Seeing it through “COSMOS” first issue for September 2011 was published and released.

On Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Milwaukee, WI. Agin transitioned from this earthly life to a life of eternity.

With cherished memories he leaves a wife Gwendolyn Beckham-Barker, a Brother Gerald A.(Arthea) Barker, two Sisters; Candace V. (Stanley) Diaz and Marilynn L. Barker Martin; To continue his legacy his Children: Otis T. {Angela} Barker, Sr., John {Alison} Barker, Tonya Marie Barker, Clinton E.{Carmen} Barker, of Buffalo, NY; Todd E. {Tammy} Barker, Sr., of Hampton, VA.; Khaleelah R. Beyah and Nadia J. Beyah of Atlanta, GA.; Grandchildren; Janáy M., Otis Jr., Jarred J., Ondrá V., Miles D., Alicia G., Todd Jr., Austin J., Traevon C., Mahogany N., Tia C., Peyton T. Barker; and one (specially connected through God’s Circle of Life) Great-Granddaughter; Destiny Valita Barker-Cannon; as well as a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and many friends to grieve his passing, yet celebrate his life.

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

“I Shall Wear a Crown”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament .................. Isaiah 2:9-12
New Testament .................. Galatians 1:10

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION

Sis. Michele “Bunny” Varner

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sis. Angela “Dolly” Barker

OBITUARY

Silent Reading

Sis. Michele D. Varner

EULOGY

Rev. Dr. Dennis Lee, Jr.; Pastor

RECESSIONAL

“Bright Crown”

Arrangements Entrusted to:
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