



Alfonso Barnes

December 27, 1930 - August 19, 2008

JOURNEY OF LIFE A Time to be Born On December 27, 1930, God blessed the world with a servant known to us as Alfonso Barnes. Born at Mountainside Hospital in Glenridge, New Jersey, Alfonso was one of seven sons born to the late George and Nanie Barnes. A Time to Grow A close knit family of boys, Alfonso's parents instilled a sense of pride, hard work and looking out for each other. These lessons remained his value system throughout his life. Baptized at an early age at the St. Paul Baptist Church, Alfonso loved the Lord and demonstrated love through his compassion and generosity. An adventurous young man, Alfonso "fudged" his age to join the Army during World War II. At fifteen he stood 5'9" and 145 pounds --his physique fooled the recruiters. In spite of his underage ploy, he received an honorable discharge in February, 1947. He returned to New Jersey after the war and began a life of working hard. Known for his strength, he was given the nickname "The Horse" by his co-workers. During his twenty-five years with the township's Parks Department, he excelled at driving heavy equipment. Alfonso remained close to his brothers and five of them preceded him in death. His bond with his brother "Joe" was a significant part of his life. A Time to Love On June 1, 1960 Alfonso married her beloved Emma. She was the pillar of his strength. They were an inseparable couple until her death in 2002. During their forty-two year marriage they enhanced their love through their sons Reginald, Melvin and Timothy. During the mid-1970s, Alfonso moved to his family to Baltimore. During the next three decades, they made a life on Brompton Road. Their

beautiful home represented a tremendous sense of pride and many years of hard work. Emma and Alfonso loved to go out to eat and became the family's official restaurant critics. During his time in Baltimore, Alfonso began another career with the Baltimore County Public School System. He retired from the Baltimore County Public School System to begin his life of leisure.

Affectionately known as "Pop" or "Fonzie", he was a man of few words and a man of simple pleasures. He loved his family, marveled at a good meal and enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. A Time to Mourn He leaves to cherish his memory, continue his legacy and rejoice at his triumphant entry into an eternal life of peace; his devoted son Reginald A. Pinder, faithful daughter-in-law Sharon R. Pinder, (sons Melvin and Timothy preceded him in death); brother Joseph Barnes; brother-in-law Thomas Pinder; sisters-in-law Nannie Pinder and Ruth Barnes; granddaughters Shantelle Conway Perry and Biah Kun, (grandsons Reginald Jr. and Melvin Jr. preceded him in death); grandson-in-law Gregory Perry; great-grandchild Traveze; aunts Alice Gardner and Ruth Payne; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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“ *Alfonso Barnes*

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“ *Reg & Sharon, We have you in our prayers in your time of sorrow. Remember we serve a loving God. It's his will not ours. Cherish all the good memories of dad and know he's with mom now in eternal joy and peace. Love you big brother, Errol##imported-begin##Errol & Deb Taylor##imported-end##*

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“ *Those we laughed with, learned from, leaned on and Loved most, leave us the best memories. No one can replace him, but you can cherish his memory forever.##imported-begin##Denise A. Smith##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Family, My sincere condolences goes out to you. May you find comfort from Almighty God promise at John 5:28,29 and Revelation 21:3-5. Please take the time to read those promises and find a measure of comfort during this time of bereavement.##imported-begin##V Adams##imported-end##*

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“ Reggie and Sharon, I am saddened for the lost of your father and father-in-law. May God be with you in your time of sorrow. You know if there is anything I can do I'm just a phone call away.
George##imported-begin##George E. Mitchell##imported-end##

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“ I offer my sympathy to Al's family, friends and loved ones although I haven't seen him in years I have positive and happy memories of Al.
GOD BLESS AL##imported-begin##harold bell##imported-end##

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“ Reginald & Sharon-Please accept my condolences in the lost of your father and father-in-law.##imported-begin##Judy Banks##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Alfonso Barnes, may God in his infinite wisdom continue to bless you in your hour of bereavement. Our condolences to Joe and his entire family. You are continually in our prayers##imported-begin##Dallin Bell and family - Montclair NJ##imported-end##

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“ Reggie and Sharon, we offer our deepest condolences on the homecoming of your father. You and your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Dargeelyn and Stephanye Loftin##imported-end##

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“ To the Family of our Dear "Horse". God will continue to Bless all of you today, tomorrow, and always with the memories of your lives with our dear friend. He left marks of unforgettable kindness and considerations where ever he went. A little girl from 12 Pierson Pl. will always remember that deep, hearty laugh that would enter the house or the backyard. She would drop whatever she was doing to run and see "The Horse". He would always pick her up and give her a big hug and tickle. Over 50 years later, she still thinks of those hugs whenever she hears his name. Joe: You two made a strong anchor for family and neighborhood. The other side of that anchor will ALWAYS be with you.##imported-begin##Bonni Taylor and Family, Montclair, NJ##imported-end##

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“ To the Family and Friends. I am so sorry to hear about the death of Alfonso. The Bible gives the loving hope of our loved ones returning to life. Acts 24:15 informs us "There is going to be a resurrection." When that time occurs the earth will be a trouble-free paradise with no more death, sickness, sorrow or pain. (See Isaiah 65:17 and 2 Peter 3:13). May you be comforted by these scriptures.##imported-begin##M. Rasaki##imported-end##

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“ To the family and friends, I offer my condolences. It truly is unfortunate that we must experience the sorrow associated with the loss of one we love. May you find comfort and strength from the "God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) who promises at Isaiah 66:13, "Like a man whom his own mother keeps comforting, so I myself shall keep comforting you people."###imported-begin##Gwen Winston###imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences. I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your loved one. Please take comfort in God's word, which offers much hope for the dead, and for us to be reunited with them again. They will one day hear the voice of our dear saviour Jesus, and will come to life again. John 5:28,29. Speaking about the resurrection at John 11:25 Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. "Everyone exercising faith in me even though he dies, will come to life." May you find much comfort and hope in the promise of the resurrection.###imported-begin##R Johnson###imported-end##

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