



Bennett Bradley

September 18, 1949 - January 2, 2010

Life began for BENNETT BRADLEY on September 18, 1949 in Wilkes County, Georgia. He is the son of James Hill and Annie Bradley Hill. His life was abruptly ended on January 2, 2010 in Los Angeles, California. Bennett joined the Second Mount Zion Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland at an early age. He most recently became a member of the Fountain Baptist Church, which he attended faithfully during his frequent trips to Baltimore. Bennett attended Baltimore City public schools and was a 1968 graduate of Dunbar High School. He received his Bachelor's degree from Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he majored in theater arts. His passion for the theater eventually took him to his adopted home of Los Angeles, California. Bennett won many awards over the past 16 years for his direction of productions at the Fountain Theatre, an off-Broadway style theatre in Hollywood, California. He was well known for directing and producing challenging and controversial works covering the African American experience. Some highlights of his works as a director include his 2006 staging of August Wilson's *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*, which scored Ovation awards for best direction and best production and the 2007 NAACP Award for his direction. He also produced *Yellowman* which won the L.A. Weekly's 2006 production of the year award. His 2008 staging of August Wilson's *Gem of the Queen* received best production honors from the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle. Other directorial credits at the Fountain Theatre include *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* (winner of the NAACP Award for

Best Actress) and Direct from Death Row: the ScottsbroBoys (winner of Best Ensemble, L.A. Weekly Award, and Best Ensemble, Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award). Bennett was a gourmet cook and a lover of the arts. His hobbies included oil painting and collecting music and works of art. He was a warm, gentle, generous, loving man who enjoyed entertaining friends and family with a story and a meal. He was preceded in death by his brother, James Hill, Jr. Bennett is survived by: his loving mother and father; his sister, Deneice Valetine of Baltimore, Maryland; his brother, Michael Hill (Ellie) of Centreville, Virginia; and his sister, Karen Madlock (William David) of Memphis, Tennessee. In addition to his immediate family, Bennett is survived by eight aunts, Annette Dious (Kenneth) of Athens, Georgia, Porter Bee Jones of Tignall, Georgia, Beatrice Anderson of Atlanta, Georgia, Lavonia Willis of Baltimore, Maryland and Cinnamon Andrews and Ida V. Andrews (Marion) of Tignall, Georgia, Johnnie Mae Hill of Decatur, Georgia Josephine Hill of Washington, Georgia. Bennett also survived by numerous loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bennett Bradley*

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“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May you find comfort in knowing that our loving Heavenly Father Jehovah promises us that very soon, all those in the 'memorial tombs' will hear the voice of his son Jesus and 'come out' by means of the resurrection (John 5:28,29). What a wonderful day that will be!##imported-begin##Kevin Jackson##imported-end##*

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“ *I would like to convey my condolences for the loss of your loved one. We all long for the time when Jehovah God will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore (Rev.21:4). May you find solace in the God of all comfort (2Cor1:3-4) and he will sustain you during this difficult time (Psalm55:22). Warmest regards.##imported-begin##C. Murphy##imported-end##*

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“ Losing a loved one in death is truly difficult. The Bible provides us with God's comforting words at Isaiah 25:8 that soon, "He will actually swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces". May these words bring you a measure of comfort in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##S. Brown##imported-end##

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