#### 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 his call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured 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.



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# A Celebration of Life



"Ricky"

Mr. Jesse L. Cook

March 25, 1955 ~ February 28, 2020

Thursday, March 5, 2020 3:00 P.M.

Clark S. Brown & Sons Chapel 727 N. Patterson Avenue Winston-Salem, North Carolina Pastor Curtis Friday, Eulogist

## Obituary

Mr. Jesse Leon Cook affectionately known as "Ricky",was born on March 25, 1955 in New York, NY to the late Mr. Mathew Sawyer and Catherine Cook Sawyer.

Jesse attended Atkins High School and worked for the City of Winston-Salem for 34 years. He retired in 2008 from the Street Division.

On Friday, February 28, 2020, "Ricky" passed away. He was preceded in death by his father, Mathew Sawyer.

He is survived by his mother, Catherine Cook Sawyer; a son, Jesse Leon Cook, II; four granddaughters, Jaliah Sides, Nyemia Sides, Emma Quick, and Alhina Quick; two sisters, Helena Sawyer and Jessica Waters; three nephews, John A. Thomas, Jr., Matthew Waters, and Joshua Waters; one niece, Reashay Sawyer Hall; a host of great-nieces and nephews; and his companion, Gesetta "Tonya" Crumpton.

### Acknowledgements

Thank you to everyone who whispered a prayer, shared words of encouragement or rendered some act of kindness during our journey. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness.

Ricky's Family

#### Order of Service

**Processional** 

Clergy and Family

**Family Visitation** 

2:30 P.M. ~ 3:00 P.M.

**Opening Song** 

Ms. Vanessa Johnson

**Prayer** 

Pastor Anthony Johnson New Life Community Church

**Holy Scripture** 

Pastor Anthony Johnson

Old Testament New Testament

Poem

"I'm Free"

Ms. Jessica Waters

Song

"Never Have to Be Alone"

Recorded Music

by Cece Winans

**Eulogy** 

Pastor Curtis Friday
The Love Church

Recessional

#### Repast

Winston-Salem NAACP Enrichment Center 4130 Oak Ridge Drive Winston-Salem, NC