



## Josiah Hamilton, Sr.

June 18, 1932 - June 22, 2011

Portsmouth-Josiah Hamilton, Sr., known as “Blue” by his childhood family and friends, 78, of the 1300 block of Stratford Street, was called home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 22, 2011. He was born on July 27, 1932 in Suffolk, VA and was the son of the late Victoria Bolling but was reared by Harrison and Annie Hamilton. His early education began at Poplar Run Elementary School and he received his diploma from East Suffolk High School. Josiah received a two year certificate in Masonry from Norfolk State College in 1962. After serving four years in the United States Army, Josiah returned home and started a career with the Federal Government in 1953. He worked as a supervisor at the Norfolk Naval Air Station for 42 years and retired in 1995. Josiah has been a part of Poplar Run Baptist Church all of his life and served as a Deacon the last twenty three years. After he retired, much of his time was spent at the church. He was at the church almost daily until his health began to fail. Rev. Williams had only to say he was needed, day or night and he was on his way, sometimes staying several hours at a time. He was a member of the Pastor’s aide Club, Missionary Society and Sunday School. Josiah loved Vacation Bible School and Family and Friends Day was his passion. He served as Vice-Chairman of the Deacon Board and was church treasurer for twenty one years. There was no job too large or too small for him.

Left to cherish his memories is his loving wife, Joyce B. Hamilton; two sons,

Thomas Clark (Patrice) of Olney, Maryland; Josiah Hamilton, Jr. (Tyreese) of Chesapeake, Virginia; three grandchildren; Rhyan Nicole Gordon Johnson, Samuel Alexander Clark and Josiah Hamilton, III; two devoted cousins; Catherine Epps and Cornelius Elliott; a sister in law, Doris Sawyer of Portsmouth, VA and a brother in law, James A. Batts (Lois) of Elm City, NC, and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Poplar Run Baptist Church  
5330 Bennetts Pasture Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Josiah Hamilton, Sr.



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Wow! That's a ralley neat answer!##imported-begin##Karson##imported-end##

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August 03, 2011 at 05:56 AM



“ Ms Joyce, we extend our prayers and our love to you and your family. We will miss his smile and kindness he has always shown us. Know that you were blessed to have him in your lives. BE BLESSED.

Raleigh & Joyce Ford  
Suffolk, Va##imported-begin##Raleigh & Joyce Ford##imported-end##

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June 27, 2011 at 07:27 PM



“ With sympathy for your family. May God Bles.##imported-begin##James & Valerie Whitehead##imported-end##

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June 27, 2011 at 06:30 PM



“Joyce and family, our deepest sympathy in the loss of your love one. please know our love and prayers are with you. so sorry i can't be there to support you and the family.

Sincerely.

Erma Freeman and Family##imported-begin##Erma L. Freeman##imported-end##

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June 27, 2011 at 03:40 PM



“To: Mrs. Joyce Hamilton & Family

My deepest sympathy to your family during the lost of your husband Deacon Josiah Hamilton. I pray that God be with your family during this time and know that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Mrs. Mildred B. Roberts-Suffolk, VA##imported-begin##Mildred B. Roberts##imported-end##

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June 27, 2011 at 02:14 PM



“I read once a book where a monk defined death defined as birth in reverse. At birth we went from a safe, warm and loving world to the one in which we grow and live - In Death we return to that world of love and light, without pain, grief and stress free.

Jo - God bless your Dad and your whole Family and give us all the strength to enjoy his beautiful transition.##imported-begin##Mario Rodriguez##imported-end##

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June 27, 2011 at 10:19 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Hamilton and family during the lost of the head of their household and the backbone of Poplar Run Baptist Church. A silent angel who made sure that the church was ran decent and in order. I think the only person who could even attempt to get under his skin was me. Agreeing to disagree was the beauty of our relationship. :) I still miss walking to the back of the church yelling about something and he would just say "Oh Lord" LOL, he will surely be missed by my family and my home church Poplar Run Baptist Church. Mrs. Hamilton may God continue to watch over you and the family as you cherish the memories of an amazing man.  
Randall&Beth Wright & Family  
Adel, Georgia###imported-begin###Beth Wright###imported-end##

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June 27, 2011 at 07:48 AM



“ "To God be the Glory!" He has His reasons and He has His plan. Remember each day you had with your loved one and carry that with you. I know that you will miss him, but one day we will all see each other again. The Pugh family extends our condolences.###imported-begin###Vincent, Terrie, and Christopher Pugh###imported-end##

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June 25, 2011 at 08:38 PM



“ Blue and I were neighbor,basically, we lived across the street from each other.(huntersville,nansemond county)suffolk)Mrs Annie hamilton raised Blue and she was my Godmother. to his wife Joyce,his childrens and grandchildren: may God forever hold your hands. Blue ( RIP )(REST IN PEACE

MAURICE AND ROSE WARD @ FAMILY##imported-begin##Maurice Ward and his wife Rose##imported-end##

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June 24, 2011 at 12:07 PM



“ May the blessing of Heaven be with you at this time. In your time of sorrow I am praying for you.##imported-begin##David Ward Jr##imported-end##

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June 23, 2011 at 04:31 PM