

*The Obituary  
Of  
Mr. Joseph Massey*

**MR. JOSEPH MASSEY** was born April 22, 1939 in Sumter, South Carolina to Tillman Massey and Ella Farmer. He attended school in Sumter and became a master painter and carpenter.

He relocated to Rochester, New York in 1953, as a part of the great migration to the north that occurred between 1915 and 1960 in the United States. Here, he met his wife, Mary Dukes. They were married in 1977 and raised three children together during their 33 years of marriage. Mary preceded him in death in 2010. He was a hard worker, employed with Rochester Products and General Motors/Delphi.

He enjoyed watching television, sports, in particular. He also enjoyed going fishing.

Joseph departed this life April 18, 2021 at Hildebrant Hospital. He leaves to cherish his memory: two sons, Troy and Kevin Dukes; one daughter, Alaiya Jackson; grandchildren: Malcolm Campbell, Rayshonda Daniels, Troy Dukes Jr., Kevin Dukes Jr., Laura and Laurence Dukes, Akila Dukes, Jaheem Dukes, Kendra Dukes, Neriah Dukes, and Maverick Tittle; great-grandchildren: Braylen Daniels, Legend Dukes, Khloe Campbell and Assad Din. He also leaves a host of nephews, nieces, friends, and associates.

*Order of Service*

Seating of Family and Friends

Prayer of Comfort . . . . . Pulpit

Scripture Reading . . . . . Pulpit  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Musical Selection

Remarks (2 minutes, please) . . . . . Family and Friends

Obituary and Acknowledgements

Musical Selection  
"Goin' Up Yonder"

Eulogy . . . . . Pastor Greg Byrd

Recession

**Interment:  
Grove Place Cemetery  
Chili, New York**

*Pallbearers*  
Family and Friends

*Acknowledgement*

The family of Joseph Massey (the Dukes and Jackson Families) gratefully acknowledge each act of kindness and all expressions of sympathy extended to them during this difficult time.



"Miss Me... But Let Me Go"  
By: Christina Rosetti

When I come to the end of the road  
and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room;  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little – but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared;  
Miss me – but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take,  
and each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's plan;  
a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,  
go to the friends we know,  
and bury your sorrow in doing good deeds.  
Miss me – but let me go.

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*Home-Going Celebration*

*for*

*Mr. Joseph Massey*

Sunrise:  
April 22, 1939

Sunset:  
April 18, 2021



Friday, April 30, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

**Metropolitan Chapel**  
109 West Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14611

**Pastor Greg Byrd, Officiating**