

## *After Glow*

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles  
When day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering  
Softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days,  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
To dry before the sun  
Oh happy memories that I leave behind  
When day is done.*

*Homegoing Service  
Celebrating The Life of*



## *Acknowledgements*

The family of the late James L. McCoy wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow. May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

*James L. McCoy*  
*February 10, 1938 - May 9, 2010*

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### *Funeral Service*

Saturday, May 15, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

**Elizabeth Ave.-Weequahic Presbyterian Church**

761 Elizabeth Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

*Pastor Doris C. Peterson, Officiating*



## *"I Was Only Passing Through"*

*This earth most times was  
good to me,  
Offered me love, peace,  
prosperity,  
There were good times, bad  
times few,  
But I was only passing  
through.*

*The best I had  
to all I gave,*

*Smiled with friends,  
even wept by their graves,  
Had lots of friends, enemies a few.*

*But I was only passing through.  
Well, today my Savior beckons me,  
By His side he wants me to be,*

*I answered the call  
with a mansion to view,*

*You know I was only passing through.  
I have come to my journey's end, you see,  
From now on only peace, joy, tranquility.*

*Shed no tears for me  
when the casket you view,*

*You know I was just passing through.  
I have run the distance and stood the test.*

*Discouraged sometimes  
not knowing east from west.*

*But the traveling is over  
I am just ahead of you,*

*Remember I was only passing through.*



**ORDER OF SERVICE**



*Organ Prelude ..... Mr. Charles Holland*

*Call To Worship ..... Pastor Doris C. Peterson*

*Hymn of Praise ..... "Blessed Assurance" Page 341*

*Scripture Reading ..... Minister Todd R. Warren  
Old Testament  
New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort ..... Minister Todd R. Warren*

*Solo ..... "He Looked Beyond My Fault"  
Mrs. Emily Jukes*

*Acknowledgements / Reflections ..... Mrs. Pauline Mathis  
Mr. Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.  
Mr. Melvin M. Warren*

*Obituary Reading ..... Minister Pamela Warren Porter*

*Solo ..... "How Great Thou Art"  
Mrs. Emily Jukes*

*Eulogy ..... Pastor Doris C. Peterson*

*Recessional*

**Interment**  
*Hollywood Memorial Park  
Union, New Jersey*

**Honorary Pall Bearers**  
*Henry Bussey                      James Clay  
Maurice Dockery                Dwayne Mance  
Kennedy Murray                Bruce L. Oliver  
Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.       Melvin M. Warren*



*James L. McCoy, 72, a longtime resident of Hillside, peacefully entered into eternal rest on Sunday, May 9, 2010 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.*

*James was born on February 10, 1938 in Rock Hill, SC to Robert and Lillie McCoy.*

*He was educated in the Rock Hill, SC Public Schools and graduated from Central High School, Newark, NJ. He attended Essex County College, West Caldwell, NJ, where he received his Blue & Black Seal Licenses.*

*On July 8, 1962, James was united in holy matrimony to Annie Lois Brown at Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark. From this beautiful union, two children, James and Karen were born. His dedication to this family was known by everyone who met him. One of his last statements was for his children to always take care of their mother.*

*Mr. McCoy was employed with ABM Engineering as an operating engineer at Newark Liberty International Airport for many years, until his retirement in 2002, having been a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 68. Prior to that, he worked for Fine Pigment, Inc. in Newark for twenty years.*

*James was a dedicated, active member of Elizabeth Ave. - Weequahic Presbyterian Church for over thirty-five years. His love for his church and Christ were evident in his service. He served as a Deacon of the church for many years. His commitment to his church included serving as a member of the United Presbyterian Men and Elizabeth Ave. men's group, where he enjoyed participating in the Men's Day Annual Breakfast. He was also an active member of Elizabeth Ave. Presbyterian Church Bible study until his health declined, where he could be counted on to share his biblical perspectives.*

*He was a longtime member of the NAACP and a Democratic Party District Leader in Hillside from 1997 until 2005, having been re-elected several times.*

*His additional involvement in politics included assisting in the campaigns of his brother-in-law, the late, former NJ Assemblyman Willie B. Brown, as well as being an active volunteer in his daughter's township council and mayoral elections.*

*The love of sports that James had was evident by anyone who met him. He possessed the remarkable ability to recite athlete statistics from a broad spectrum of sports. He especially loved the NY Giants and the NY Knicks, and thoroughly enjoyed traveling with his son to various games. This love of sports began in his childhood, where he excelled at baseball, basketball and football in high school.*

*James was known to inspire and encourage many young people whom he encountered and often provided them with invaluable advice and "words of wisdom." He was known to have many conversations with his nephews and son regarding the importance of integrity and hard work. His encouragement was especially provided to his children, of whom he was extremely proud.*

*His strength and positive outlook in the midst of his health crisis will be remembered. Throughout his health challenges, he faced them with courage and fearless determination.*

*He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife, Annie Lois McCoy; loving son, James R. McCoy and his wife, Yaeshia; caring daughter, former Hillside Mayor Karen McCoy Oliver and her husband, Bruce; grandson, Yajaha Banks and Mr. McCoy's beloved "grandpuppy," Ginger; brother-in-law, Melvin V. Warren; sisters-in-law, Minnie S. Brown, Allean Mance and Amelia Warren; nephews, Melvin M. Warren, Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Robert K. Brown, Pamela Warren Porter and Michelle Brown; a special cousin, Rosetta Williamson; as well as many other relatives and friends.*