

Rev. Dr. Leonard Santucci

## **Obituary**

**Thomas Edward Daniels** was born in Newark, NJ to James Daniels and Ella Harris Langley on September 5, 1929. He made is transition on July 27, 2010.

He attended the public schools of Newark. Upon graduation from Central High School, "Tommy's" athletic prowess won him a coveted scholarship to Shaw University, Raleigh, NC. He soon became captain and star player of the Shaw Bears' basketball team. His skills landed him a brief stint with the world famous Harlem Globe Trotters before being called to serve in the US Army. After his tour of duty with a B.S. Degree from Shaw University in Social Studies, he went on to teach, coach and council in the public schools of North Carolina, Virginia and New Jersey. For over twenty years he was a crisis teacher at 13th Avenue School in Newark, NJ until his retirement in 2000.

After retirement Tommy enjoyed traveling and cruising to the Caribbean Islands and experiencing the various cultures. He was an avid jazz listener which was evident of his extensive collection.

He is survived by: his wife, Alfreda; two daughters, Audrey Daniels and Dianne Daniels of Durham, NC; one granddaughter, Sierra Daniels of Durham, NC; one step-daughter, Renee Coachman of Newark, NJ; three sons, Reginald Daniels of Vineland, NJ, Kenjari Shabazz of Brooklyn, NY and Anthony Daniels of Elizabeth City, NC; mother-in-law, Aretha Coachman; brother-in-law to, Solomon, Larry, Yolanda, Aretha (Janet), Hillary (Michael), all of Newark, NJ and Irwin of Rahway, NJ; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Jazz enthusiast, father, husband, relative and friend, this native son of Newark we will miss, and yet we know his love for life will never end.

## Order of Service

**Seating of the Family** 

**Invocation** 

**Hymn of Comfort** 

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

**Prayer of Consolation** 

Selection

Acknowledgement & Remarks

**Obituary** (Read Silently)

**Eulogy** 

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**Benediction** 

Recessional

**Interment** 

Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey

# Afterglow

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 way,
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
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.

~Bernice Carolyn Sheffield



### <u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of **Thomas E. Daniels** acknowledges all expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement.

May God bless and keep you.

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