

Honoring the Life of
Edward Blackwell



Sunrise

September 2, 1925

Sunset

September 19, 2010

Service

Saturday, September 25, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, New Jersey

Rev. James E. Moore, Sr., Officiating

Life Reflections

Edward Blackwell was born along with his twin, Robert on September 2, 1925, in Newark, New Jersey to the late Ira Leon Blackwell, Sr. and Alma Blanche Blackwell. He was the younger brother of Ira Leon Blackwell, Jr. who preceded him in death as well as his twin, Robert. At five years old he and his twin brother began playing the piano and they both played as well as the greats. His passion however was spirituals and classics. He had an anointing that was beyond measure especially with the pipe organ and the Hammond organ. He would play tirelessly at his home on Brunswick Avenue. Anyone passing by got a full concert that they enjoyed. At other times, he spent many days admiring the beauty of cathedrals and the beauty of God's majestic mountains and trees. He absolutely loved taking in the natural beauty of the earth everywhere he traveled. Many times he would walk for long periods just capturing every moment of God's creations.

His early education began in the Newark Public School system. In 1934, at age nine, his parents moved to (Vauxhall) Union, New Jersey, where he continued his education in the Union School system and graduated from Union High School in 1944. Edward who was also known as "Eddie" furthered his education at Upsala College in East Orange, New Jersey in the early 1950's. There he pursued an education in religious studies. Anyone who knew Eddie expected his conversation to include scriptures and his personal testimony of God's greatness and power.

Later, Eddie sought employment at the renowned Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, New Jersey where he worked for many years. He was known as a very hard worker who diligently kept everything he touched neat and clean. He was a perfectionist when it came to his job. After leaving Robert Treat he then began working at a local business in Union called Blackwell's. He stayed there until they went out of business. He then sought a position at the Millburn Mall in Union where he worked until he retired in 2002. Everyone often commented on how well he kept the grounds at the mall. It was absolutely spotless at all times.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Ira Leon, Jr. and Robert.

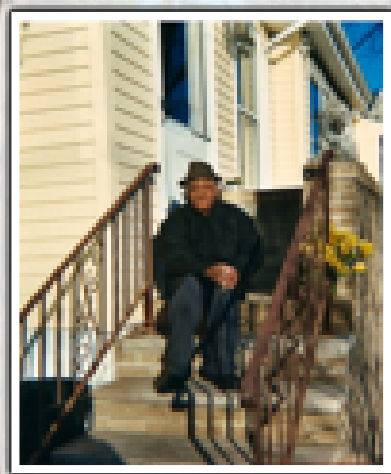
Edward leaves to cherish his memory: his nieces, Priscilla (Blackwell) Roberts and Margaret (Blackwell) Moore; three nephews, Robert Christian, Clifford Maurice and Ira Jesse Blackwell; five great nieces, Marette Angela Moore Tyree (Michael), LaTanyua Nichole Blackwell, Marissa Angelaina Moore, Tiffany Elaine Moore and Brittany Lynn Blackwell; three great nephews, James Edward Moore, Jr., David Maurice Blackwell (Donette) and Timothy Edward Moore; one nephew-in-law, Pastor James E. Moore, Sr.; one niece-in-law, Marceline Blackwell; one sister-in-law, Grace Blackwell; family member, Betty Blackwell; and a host of cousins.

Uncle Eddie, we echo the Apostle Paul, *"You have fought a good fight, you have finished your course, you have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for you a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give you at that day: and not to you only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."* II Timothy 4:7, 8.

Blessed Assurance
Jesus is mine!
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through



the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of **Edward Blackwell**, wish to thank everyone for your love, prayer, and support during our time of bereavement. A special thank-you to the medical personnel of Overlook Hospital and the Berkley Meadows Care Center for your sympathy and care over the years.

~The Family~