

In Loving Memory  
of



Elijah Towns, Jr.

Sunrise  
January 3, 1947

Sunset  
December 31, 2010

Friday, January 7, 2011

**COTTON-PARKER FUNERAL HOME**

37 Clinton Avenue • Jersey City, NJ 07305

*Elder Robert Towns, Officiating  
Bishop David Towns, Eulogist*

## Obituary

**Elijah Towns, Jr.** was born January 3, 1947 in Thomasville, GA. He was the beloved son of Mattie and Elijah Towns, Sr. He went to his eternal sleep on December 31, 2010 at University Hospital in Newark, NJ.

*He was a retired veteran of the army service, whom served time in the Vietnam War, where he received the Vietnam campaign medal, the purple heart, the bronze star and many others. Military service is one of hallowed sacrifice, sweat and tears. We should be very proud of him for standing up for his country when others wouldn't. It has been said, that those who have never fought for freedom will never know the true value of it. Everyone should leave here today feeling good about what Elijah has done as a Vietnam Veteran.*

*He was also a retired postal worker who delivered mail to most of his community in Jersey City. For this his was very well known as "THE MAIL MAN".*

*In his passing, Elijah leaves to mourn and cherish: his wife, Dorothy Towns; his sisters, Melcie and Pearl Towns; his brothers, David, Robert and Joseph Towns; his stepchildren, Robert, Billy, Duncan, Steven, Jeffery, Paulette and Teresa; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

*As a family we will certainly miss his presence.*

# *Order of Service*

**Organ Prelude**

**The Processional**

**Scripture Reading**

*Old Testament - Psalm 121*

*Nancy Mayberry*

**Prayer of Comfort**

*David Towns*

**Obituary**

*Nancy Mayberry*

**Reflections**

**Eulogy**

*Bishop David and Elder Robert Towns*

**The Recessional**

**Hymn**

*“Near The Cross”*

**Interment**

*Brigadier General William C. Doyle*

*Veterans Memorial Cemetery*

*Wrightstown, New Jersey*

# I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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