

If
Tears
Could
Build
A
Stairway

If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane.
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again
No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to love you
No one can ever know
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store
Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay.

-Author unknown

Flower Bearers

Shonda Burke
Keisha Henderson
Wanda Henderson

Donna Henderson
Shatel Cherry
Elizabeth Burke

Pall Bearers

Rajon Burke
Joe Henderson
Ruben Henderson
Andre Burke
John Cherry
Carwel Henderson

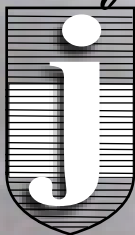
Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.

Special thanks to Arlene Forrester.

May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

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In Loving Memory
of



Brother Eugene Spears

May 16, 1942 - January 18, 2011

Funeral Service

Tuesday, January 25, 2011
11:00 a.m.

Jersey City Deliverance Temple

131 Union Street • Jersey City, New Jersey

*Bishop James Graham, Officiant
Apostle Thomas Rodgers, Eulogist
Reverend Earlene Mc Collum, Pastor
of Miracle Temple Church of America*

*I've
Changed
My
Address*

*I've changed my address to Heaven
I've crossed the Great Divide.
I know there's no sorrow or crying,
Because I've reached the other side.
I am so happy to be here,
for the Lord Himself I see.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place where you'll find me.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
I bid this world goodbye.
I now live forever with Jesus in my new
home in the sky.
I have no burdens or heartaches
and from tears I am now free.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place to find me.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
I'm safe forevermore.
For the Lord built a mansion
and my name is on the door.
You can find us walking together,
for where He is, I'll always be.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place you'll find me.*

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Bishop James Graham Officiant

- Prelude J. J. Walker, organist*
- Processional Clergy and Family*
- Hymn Caroline Rodgers*
- Prayer of Comfort Anthony McCollum*
- Scripture Reading*
Old Testament: Psalm 23 Bishop James Graham
New Testament: II Timothy 4:6-8 ... Prophet Ray Curry, Jr.
- Soloist Betty Burke*
- Obituary*
and Acknowledgement of Condolences Miriam Spears
- Remarks (Please Limit to 2 minutes)*
- Poem Kiara Burke*
- Soloist Vernda Andrews*
- Eulogy Apostle Thomas Rodgers*
- Final Viewing Jackson Funeral Residence Staff*
- Solo "I'll Fly Away"*
..... Caroline Rodgers
- Recessional Clergy and Family*

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Interment
Bayview Cemetery
Jersey City, New Jersey

The earthly journey for **Brother Eugene Spears** began on May 16, 1942 in Anniston, Alabama to the late William Howard Spears and Sallie Smith Spears. On January 18, 2010, **Eugene** peacefully answered the Lord's call to come home.

Eugene, most affectionately known as "**Gene**", attended the public school system in his hometown, and during the Great Migration the Spears family moved to Jersey City, New Jersey in pursuit of a new life.

At an early age, he would shine shoes for extra money. He also served as a caregiver for many of his relatives who were incapable of taking care of themselves.

Eugene and wife, Patricia Winfrey were blessed with three loving children. **Gene** found God when he joined Miracle Temple in 1987, and has been a faithful member ever since. Occasionally, he served as the church bus driver. If you wanted to get somewhere in five minutes or less, call **Gene**! For thirty years, he was employed by Local 325 as a laborer at various construction sites.

Gene was willing to praise the Lord and share the gospel with anyone he'd come in contact with. He was the most caring person that you would ever want to meet. He was very free-hearted and was willing to lend a helping hand to anyone. **Gene** was a very hard worker and

always supported his family. His favorite pastimes were driving, playing practical jokes and playing card games on the computer. Our memories of **Gene** will always be cherished.

Gene was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Samuel Tucker and Charles Spears; grandson, Jalil Spears, brothers-in-law, Don Henderson and Larry Burke.

To commemorate his life, he leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted companion, Patricia Boyd; adored children, Diane Jackson (Ira), Regina White (Kenneth), Loraine Spears, Michele Boyd, Tray'ce McFadden (Demond), Sheranda Atavwigho (Wilson) and Eugene Spears, Jr.; honored sisters, Virginia Henderson, Rose Bailey (Robert), and Betty Burke; twenty cherished grandchildren, Tiffany, Lewis (Myriam), Tamika, Javon, Patricia, Sade, Crystal, Morgan Spears, Kayvon and Kamiesha White, TeQuan, Shalique, Briana, Jaylin, Jared Boyd, Alexis and Joel Atavwigo, Malachi and Tiara McFadden; thirteen beloved great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

I've done my work I've sung my song,
I've done some good I've done some wrong,
and now I'm going where I belong,
The Lord has willed it so.

Stella C. Kelly

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