



*In Loving
Memory of*

*Sunrise
October 8, 1932*

*Sunset
January 18, 2012*

Roosevelt Oatis

Service

Sunday, January 22, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

*Rev. Dr. Edward R. Culvert, Officiating
Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Organist*

Obituary



Roosevelt Oatis was born in Prentiss, Mississippi on October 8, 1932, son of the late Zudia Mae and Roscoe Oatis.

He spent his childhood in his hometown Prentiss and attended the high school there.

In 1958, Roosevelt moved to New York. He started to work for New York City Housing Authority as a caretaker/truck driver for thirty-three years until he retired in 1996. On his job, his co-workers jokedly nicknamed him “Speedy” but he was never in a hurry.

Often he went to the Beatrice Lewis Senior Citizen Center to visit friends, play cards and shoot pool.

Roosevelt especially enjoyed going on trips with his family to Jamaica, West Indies. He loved the sunshine, swimming and eating mangoes. Roosevelt Oatis was a humble and good man in his lifetime. And he was blessed.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Marie and brother, Ariz Oatis. He is survived by: his wife, Valerie; step daughter, Sheila; three sisters, Rosezina, Macy Wells and Savannah Lawson; one brother, Everett; one aunt, Hazel Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Reflections..... Family and Friends

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Edward Culvert

Recessional

Final Disposition

Forest Green Memorial Park Crematory
Morganville, New Jersey

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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