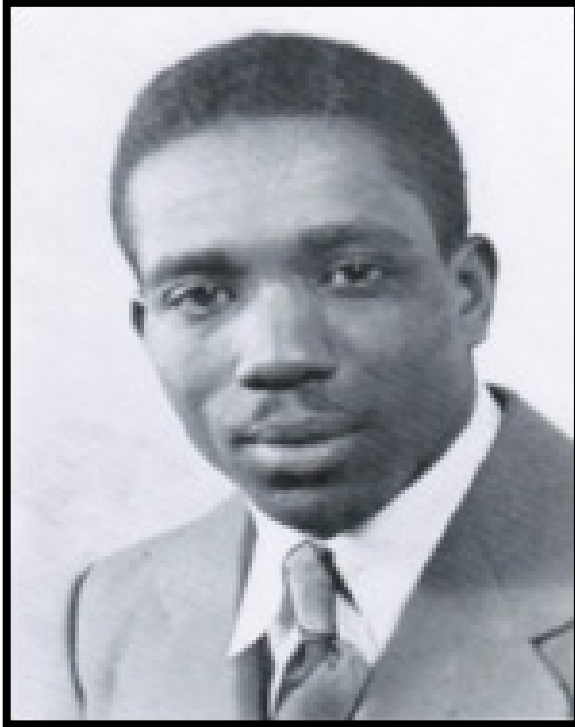


*In Loving Memory Of
Oscar Davis, Sr.*



*February 2, 1919 – May 22, 2013
Thursday, May 30, 2013-11:00 am*

Cotton Funeral Services

1025 Bergen Street

Newark, New Jersey

Bishop Hilton Rauls, Sr., Officiating

The Obituary

Oscar Davis, Sr. was born on February 2, 1919 to the late William H. Davis, Sr. and Gussie Davis in Birmingham, Alabama. **Oscar**, the fifth of ten children, survived all of his siblings, six brothers and three sisters, thus he was affectionately called “the last man standing”.

Oscar's early years were spent in Alabama. After graduating high school, he worked in the coal mines of Alabama and Virginia. An exceptional athlete, especially in baseball, **Oscar** played nearly every position. Eventually, **Oscar** tried out for the Negro League team The Birmingham Black Barons.

Oscar continued his journey further north to Newark, NJ, where he met Bernice Curry. **Oscar** and Bernice were married on July 15, 1945. To this union, three children were born; Oscar Davis, Jr. (deceased), Deborah Davis-Terrell, and Larry Davis. **Oscar** settled with his family “down neck” in the FDR Homes (currently Millard E. Terrell Homes). **Oscar** resided there until 2007.

Oscar was employed at BASF Wyandotte Corp. in Kearny, NJ. A dedicated employee, **Oscar** missed only three days from work during his entire 30 plus years at BASF. In addition, **Oscar** was elected treasurer of his union, a position he held for multiple years. **Oscar** retired from BASF in 1984 and received his “gold watch”.

Most of **Oscar's** leisure time was spent hunting and deep sea fishing. He also enjoyed playing cards, especially solitaire. As an “orator of limericks”, **Oscar** brought laughter and entertainment to family and friends by reciting his “original” rhymes. He was also very opinionated and enjoyed debating with others.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture

Prayer

Musical Selection

Walt Sorey
“Amazing Grace”

Obituary

Read Silently

Remarks

Eulogy

Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Route 1, Linden, NJ

Please join the family for repast at
The Society Hill Clubhouse
1 Cornerstone Lane
Newark, NJ
(Behind the old Warren Street School)

Gone is the face we loved so dear;
Silent is the voice we loved to hear;
Too far away for sight or speech;
But not too far for thought to reach;
Sweet to remember him who once was here;
And who though absent, is just as dear.

Pallbearers: Family & Friends

Flowers:
Flowers by Marlo
Central Ave., East Orange, NJ

Caterer:
King's Restaurant
557 Clinton Ave., Newark, NJ

Acknowledgement

The family of **Oscar Davis, Sr.** has been deeply moved by the numerous acts of kindness afforded them during this time of bereavement. We extend expressions of profound gratitude.

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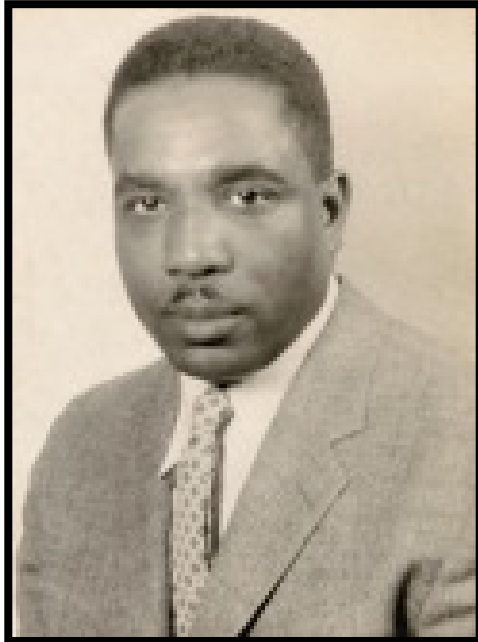
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COTTON-PARKER FUNERAL HOME
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Oscar “Pa Pa”, “O.D.” was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice, his son Oscar, Jr. and his grandson, Kenneth. Those left to honor and cherish *Oscar’s* memory are; his children Deborah and Larry, five grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, one great great-grandson, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Not. How Did He Die, But How Did He Live?

Not how did he die, but how did he live?
Not what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as man, regardless of birth.
Not what was his church, nor what was his creed?
But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever read, with word of good cheer.
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many were sorry when he passed away.

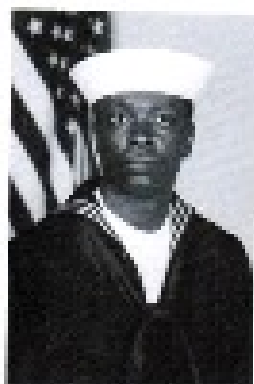




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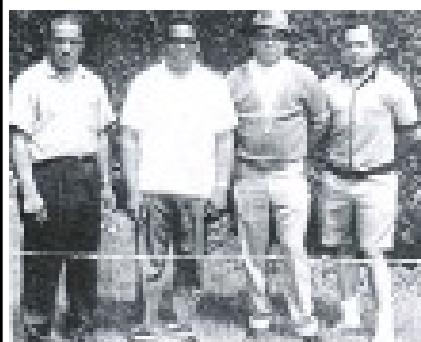
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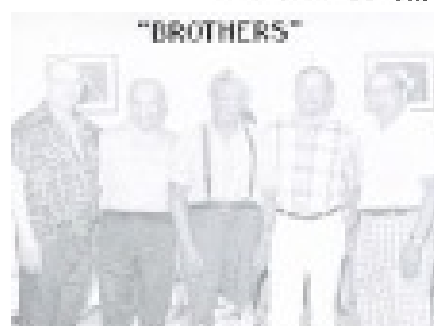
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MATT & ANGELA, JR.



WILLIAM, DAVID, JAMES, NATE



DAVID, WILLIAM, JAMES, NATE, MATT



DAVID BROTHERS & SISTERS