

Celebrating The Life of

A portrait of Leonard E. Crews, a middle-aged Black man with short dark hair, wearing a dark brown suit jacket, a white shirt, and a striped tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a gentle expression. The background is a soft-focus landscape with white, snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky.

Leonard E. Crews

Sunrise
July 15, 1921

Sunset
October 1, 2013

Monday, October 7, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
Midland Avenue (Corner of Portland Street)
Montclair, New Jersey

Reverend Elbert Maxwell, Officiating

Obituary

Leonard E. Crews was born on July 15, 1921 to the late Lundy Crews and Cynthia Crews in Oxford, North Carolina. He departed this life on October 1, 2013.

After graduating from Mary Potter Memorial High School in Oxford, North Carolina, Leonard relocated to New Jersey.

Leonard served in the United States Army where he received Decorations and Citations: American Theater, European African Middle Eastern with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, World War II Victory Medal, Occupation Medal Germany. Battles and Campaigns Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe.

Sgt. Leonard E. Crews, Ret. was Honorably discharged from the United States Army. Member of Montclair Auxiliary Police and Army Reserves.

Leonard retired from the United States Postal Service after serving for over twenty-five years.

Leonard was a dedicated member and usher at Union Baptist Church for over twenty years.

He leaves a sister, Doris; brother, Clarence; late brothers, William and Henry; and he is also survived by sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews; and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Selection

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

*Acknowledgments
& Obituary*

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional



Interment

*New Jersey Veterans 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!*

Acknowledgements

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God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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