

A Celebration of Life for



Donald Elwood Jacobs

Sunrise

March 13, 1940

Sunset

November 1, 2013

Service

Sunday, November 10, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

MOUNT BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

399 South Broad Street

Ridgewood, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Thomas Johnson, Pastor

Obituary

Our beloved **Donald Elwood Jacobs** entered peacefully into eternity on Friday, November 1, 2013 at his home. Donald was born March 13, 1940 in Monroeville, New Jersey to the late James Tilghman Jacobs and Erma C. (Hutt) Jacobs. He was the youngest son of seven siblings, raised in a loving home and attended Friendship United Methodist Church. At the age of 14, Donald attended Bordentown Military Training and Industrial School until it closed in 1955 due to desegregation. He went on to attend Woodstown High School, where he graduated in 1958. Donald continued his education at The State University of New York at Farmingdale. He graduated in June 1960 and married Bertha Bynoe. The two children born to this union were Donald Tilghman and Doreen Elizabeth. Donald later studied at Rutgers University in the field of Life Insurance, Securities and Mutual Funds. After working in the field of Landscaping and Insurance, he became self employed as Owner/Operator of Jacobs Horticultural Distribution Services for forty-one years until his health began to fail in December, 2010.

Donald met and married Bernice Brown. The two children from this marriage are Stanley Maurice and Lisa Antoinette. Donald loved his family, friends, neighbors and the Jacobs Estate which he operated since 1966 after the death of his father. He was an avid grower and landscaper. He always had time to help a neighbor or friend, even taking time to give anyone assistance to buy a meal and help them along their way. When Donald wanted to reflect and relax, he enjoyed listening to soft gospel, jazz and country music.

Donald is survived by his devoted wife, Bernice; son, Donald Tilghman Jacobs and Doreen Jacobs-Carrington (Christopher), both of Syracuse, NY Stanley Maurice Jacobs and Lisa Jacobs-Smith (Eugene) both of Willow Grove, PA; eight grandchildren, Marvel, Donald Tilghman, Jr., Sorroya, Isaiah, Emmitt, Leah, Sydney and Ryan; five great grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Broome and Juanita Pinkney (Alphonso); six brothers-in-law; five sisters-in-law; one aunt; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins and his special brother/friend, Bernard Landers; and many friends and neighbors.

We will miss him dearly but are blessed to have enjoyed many fond memories with him. We rejoice in knowing that we will meet again.

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown



Only A Step

Do not grieve for me, my dear ones
Now that I have gone away,
I've only stepped quietly through the door
Into the dawn of a brighter day.
If you could see the beauty
Of the garden I'm walking through,
If you could feel the touch of His hand,
You would want to walk here too.
If you could see the sunshine,
With no dark shadows lurking near,
If you could know the joy supreme,
I find with my Lord so dear,
Where pain can no more touch me,
Where no sorrow can ever be,
You would be glad I slipped away,
To this beautiful land of eternity.
I'll be waiting for you, my dear ones;
I'll be watching day by day,
And I'll ask our Father to guide you,
Lest you father along the way.
So, when the day is over,
And the night is drawing night,
I pray you too find it only a step,
Where walk my precious LORD JESUS AND I.

II Timothy 4:7 "...I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing..."

Active and Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons and Trustees of
Mount Bethel Baptist Church



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Order of Service

Organ Prelude Brother Richard Fulcher

Presiding Reverend Gloria Nobles

Processional "I'll Be Singing Up There"

Invocation

Soloist "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Russell Graham

Solo Minister Kenneth Sullivan
"I Won't Complain"

Remarks Deacon Harold Bradley
Chairman, Deacon Board

Acknowledgements

Resolution

Obituary (Silent Reading)

Musical Selection Combined Choirs
"Somehow I Made It"

Eulogy Pastor Thomas Johnson

Recessional "When We All Get To Heaven"

Interment

Monday, November 11, 2013

Mt. Laurel AME Church Cemetery

Pilesgrove, New Jersey (formerly Yorktown, NJ)





