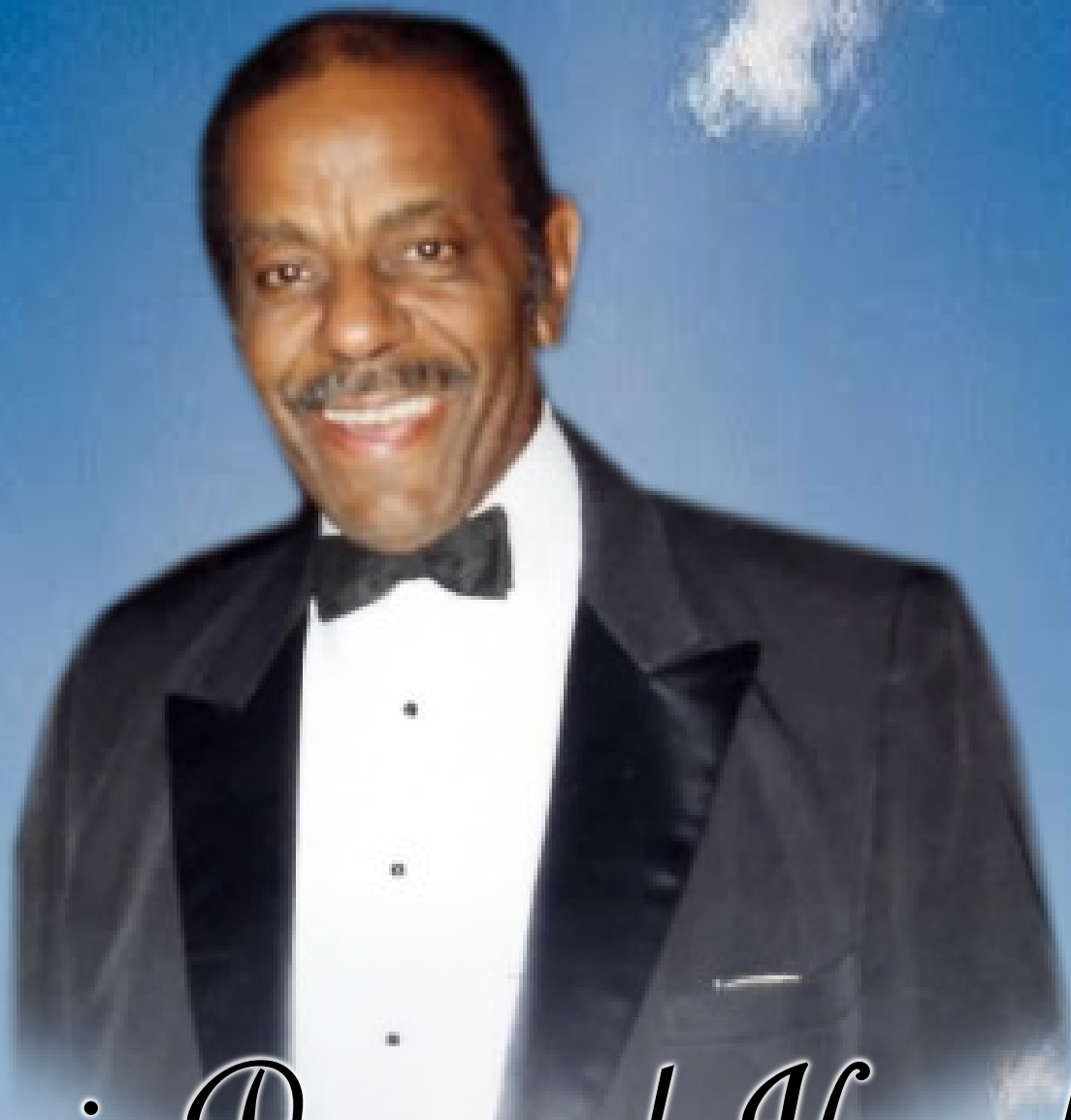


A Celebration Of Life For



Louis Desmond Hassell

Sunrise

July 30, 1930

Sunset

December 13, 2013

Service

Friday, December 20, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

103 Center Street • Orange, New Jersey

Fr. Gabriel Mary, Pastor

Fr. Francis of the Child Jesus, CSJ - Officiating

Obituary

Louis Desmond Hassell was born in New York City on July 30, 1930 to Desmond Hassell of Saba (Dutch West Indies) and Marie Clarita (Rosey) Hassell of St. Barthelemy (French West Indies). He was the oldest child and only brother to three younger sisters.

He attended St. Charles Borromeo School in Harlem and from there went to Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx. He graduated from Cardinal Hayes in 1948 and immediately began his service in the US Army. After serving in the Army for four years, he returned home and entered Manhattan College. There he earned a BS degree in Mathematics in 1956 and he also found time to play basketball on the Freshman Basketball team. After college he worked at the Kennedy Community Center in Harlem as the Athletic/Program Director for two years. He was privileged to see some of his youngsters become professional athletes, but more importantly to him, good citizens.

In 1953, Lou, as he was more commonly known, met Miriam Jones while working for the Parks Department in New York City. They were married on August 23, 1958 and started their new life together in Newark, NJ. They had their first child, Mark, two years later. In 1963, they welcomed a daughter, Lauren and the following year the growing family moved to Orange, NJ where Lou and Miriam resided until his death. They were blessed to have celebrated fifty-five years together.

In 1959, Louis went to work for the Army at Picatinny Arsenal as a Mathematician and Statistician. He obtained a license as a Professional Engineer in Quality Engineering and served as a Quality Control Engineer at Picatinny. He subsequently advanced through the Army organizational structure to become an Operations Research Analyst. He received numerous awards and citations for his presentations and leadership. He retired from Picatinny in 1987, but continued as a consultant. For thirty-two years he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Picatinny Federal Credit Union serving in various capacities including Treasurer, Vice President, Executive Vice President and President.

He was not a man of many words, but had the respect and admiration of all who knew him. His commitment to civic service was evident by his list of community activities. He served as President of the Heywood Ave School PTA in Orange; was named Chair of the Educational Advisory Committee by the Superintendent of the Orange School system. He was a member of the Police Community Relations Committee, appointed by City Councilman Ben Jones. He had also been appointed to the Orange Planning Board by numerous Mayors of Orange dating back to 1970.

His loyalty to his beloved Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was nothing short of inspiring. As a result of the recommendation of his childhood friend, the late Al Jackson, who was also an Honorable DSC Member, he joined Chi Sigma Chapter in 1974. He was mentored by the late John Rice. Lou held several positions including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. He was also a Chairman/member of the Education, Social, Social Action, Bigger and Better Business, Budget, Financial, Nominating, Constitution/By-Law and Pan-Hellenic Committees. He additionally served as Secretary of Sigma Community Enrichment Initiative Inc. (SCEI) a charitable and educational branch responsible for providing mentoring and scholarships to minority males in Northern NJ. He also served as the Host Chairman of the 66th Eastern Regional Conference in 1980 and Host Vice Chairman of the 82nd Eastern Regional Conference in 1996. His professional experience afforded him the opportunity to be a supporter of the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union where he also held positions of Secretary and Chairman of the Investment Committee. The Fraternity showed their appreciation by naming him as recipient of the Eastern Region Prominent Brothers Service award in 1998 and he was inducted into the Fraternity's Distinguished Service Chapter in 1999.

Louis Hassell will be missed by many, but especially by those closest to him: his wife of fifty-five years, Miriam; his daughter, Lauren Hassell; his son, Mark and daughter-in-law, Dayna Hassell; two grandchildren, Phillip and Adrienne Hassell; three sisters, Loretta Hassell, Therese Harris and Veronica Simpson and brother-in-law, Carvell Simpson; sister-in-law, Florence King; two nieces, Gisele Harris and Andrea Harris; three nephews, Michael Harris, David Simpson and Gary King; life-long friend, Joseph Carty and a host of cousins and friends.

Lou is preceded in death by his parents, Desmond and Clarita.

Order of Liturgy

Greeting	Fr. Francis of the Child Jesus, CSJ
Processional Hymn	“Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring” - J.S. Bach
Sprinkling of Holy Water	
Placing of Pall	
Opening Prayer	
First Reading	Dr. Brian Carty
A reading from the Book of Wisdom	
<i>The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seem, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and there passing away was thought an affliction, and the their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For, if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them, and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings, he took them to himself. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.</i>	
The Word of the Lord	
Responsorial Psalm	
Second Reading.....	Carvell Simpson
A reading from the Book of Revelation	
<i>I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people, and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.</i>	
<i>The one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.”</i>	
The Word of the Lord	
Gospel	
Homily	
Preparation of Gifts	“Ave Maria” -Gisele Harris Andrea Harris
Offertory Hymn	“Blessed Assurance”
Eucharistic Prayer	
Lord’s Prayer	
Communion Hymn.....	“Amazing Grace”
Final Commendation	
Recessional Hymn	“Ode To Joy”

***The Family requests you to join them for a repast,
at the Seton Hall University Student Center, immediately following the Entombment.***



Entombment

Gate of Heaven Cemetery
225 Ridgedale Avenue
East Hanover, NJ 07936



Beyond the Sunset

Should you go first and I remain,
to walk the road alone,
I'll live in memories garden, dear,
with happy days we've known.
In spring I'll wait for roses red,
when faded, the lilacs blue
In early fall when brown leaves fall,
I'll catch a glimpse of you.
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile,
tho blindly I may grope,
The memory of your helping hand
will buoy me on with hope.
Should you go first and I remain,
one thing I'll have you do:
Walk slowly down that long long path,
for soon I'll follow you.
I want to know each step you take,
So I may take the same.
For someday down that lonely road,
You'll hear me call your name.



In Appreciation

*The family of **Louis D. Hassell** extends their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for all of the generous acts of kindness and support received during our time of sorrow.*

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