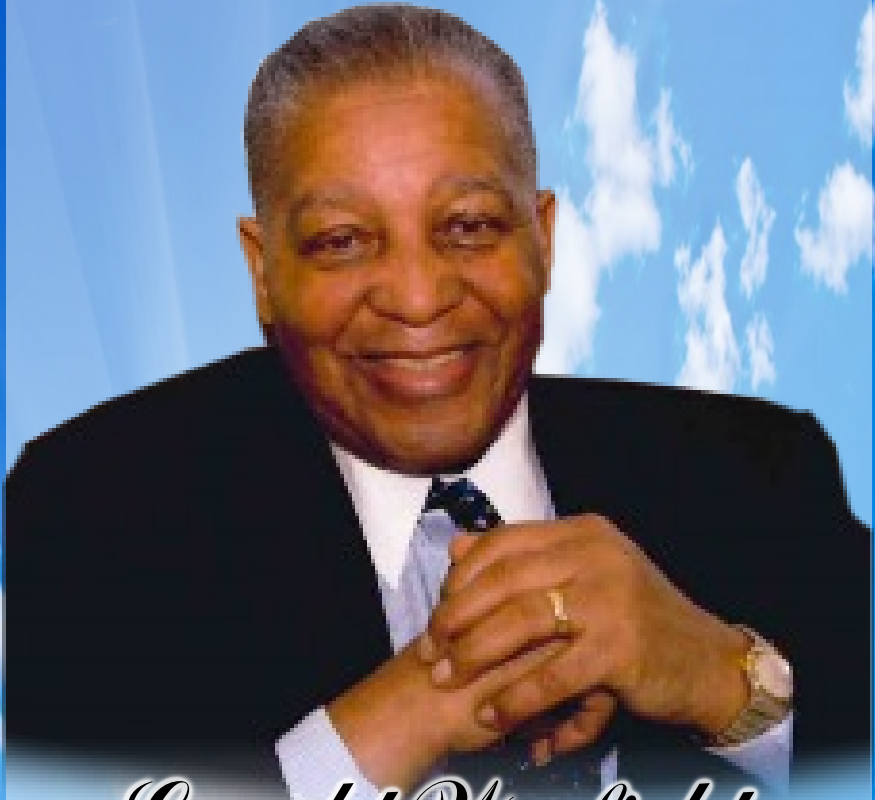


In Loving Memory of



Gerald Warfield

Sunrise

March 10, 1932

Sunset

June 21, 2014

Thursday, June 26, 2014 -11:00 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH

336 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Officiating
The Reverend Dr. Lanell D. Guyton, Pastor
Juanda Boxley, Organist

Obituary

Gerald Warfield departed this life on Saturday, June 21, 2014, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease at home. He was eighty-two years old.

Gerald was born in Nashville, TN on March 10, 1932. He was the proud son of the late Verna Webb and the late James Warfield. Gerald was the eldest of two children. At age five, Gerald moved to Montclair, NJ where he attended elementary school and then the family moved to Newark, NJ where Gerald completed his education.

After high school, Gerald enlisted in the US Air Force and was stationed at Fairchild Air Force base in Spokane Washington.

In the late 1960's, Gerald began his professional career at the Walter Kidde & Co. in Belleville, NJ, where he was a Shop Steward and worked on the factory line manufacturing fire extinguishers. As a Shop Steward, Gerald was the mediator between Management and the factory workers. He fought for better working conditions and salary for the factory workers as well as advocated for them to keep their jobs. Gerald was a very fair individual who was fair and honest and could be counted on to always do the right thing. Because of this, Gerald was well respected by his peers and voted into the position of Shop Steward every two years until the closing of that Belleville location for over twenty years. He was also a long standing member of Laborers' International Union of North America.

Outside of his professional career, Gerald enjoyed spending time with family and friends, listening to jazz music, and going to the Monmouth Race track. He was one of the last two living founders of the Montclair Grass Roots, an organization serving generations of Montclair residents by organizing activities for neighborhood children. This year marks the 47th year of the summer camps held by the Montclair Grass Roots.

In the late 1970's, Gerald met his beloved wife, Barbara Goodman and they were married on October 10, 1994. Barbara was so devoted to her beloved Gerald and was by his side and tenderly cared for him throughout his illness until the day he passed.

He is also survived by: his nephew, Charles Ward, Jr. (Chucky) of Willingboro, NJ; his niece, Paulette Ward of Florida; his sisters-in-law, Florence Austin and Beverly Jenkins (Willie); his brother-in-law, Robert Hill; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

The Rev. Dr. Lanel D. Guyton, Pastor - Officiating

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance” #450

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Valerie Hughes

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 34:1-8 - Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 - Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap
“How Great Thou Art”

Remarks.....Rev. Denis Hughes
Paulette Ward and Charles Ward
Linda McGowan
(2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Veronica Morton

Obituary.....Veronica Morton

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap
“The Lord’s Prayer”

Eulogy.....Bishop Jackson

Recessional..... “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”..... Clergy and Family

Repast

Immediately following the service family and friends are invited for a repast in the lower Dining Room.

*SLEEP on, beloved, sleep on and take thy rest;
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast;
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best;
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!*

*Until we meet again before His throne,
Clothed in the spotless robe He gives His own;
Until we know, even as we are known;
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!*

Sarah Doudney

Acknowledgements

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for acts of kindness rendered by all. We are most grateful for your calls, cards, visits, love, and most of all your prayers. We extend our love and prayers of blessings to you. The Family

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