



A Homegoing Celebration and
Tribute of Love for

Redolphus Montford

December 11, 1943 – June 23, 2014

Saturday, June 28, 2014
10 A.M. To 11:30 A.M.

The Mount Olive Baptist Church
Plainfield, New Jersey



Because I'm Human

By Grace E. Easley

Because I am not perfect,
My best intentions seem
To sometimes miss fulfillment,
Like the texture of a dream.
And I wage a daily battle,
That I very often lose,
Between the things that matter,
And the ones I seem to choose.

Because I am no angel,
I am easy to mislead,
In spite of what I know is right,
I'm swayed by pride and greed.
Sometimes I think I love the world,
Too much to want to leave,
Though Eternity awaits me,
And all that I believe.

My free will is a problem,
How easy it would be,
If God made the decisions,
And took the job from me.
But in this there is no merit,
I am very well aware,
So I have to work for Heaven,
Every moment I am here.

And just because I'm human,
It might take a little long,
To become what I was meant to,
Since I'm really not that strong.
So I'll just keep on a-trying,
And I'll live from day to day,
For my spirit is immortal,
....Though my body's made of clay.

Reflections of Life

Redolphus (Rudy) Montford was born December 11, 1943 in Dublin, Georgia. He was the 7th child born to Horace and Lola Montford. Rudy has always been a hard working individual since his early years of schooling. He had many jobs to help support the family. Throughout his 4 years of high school he worked a full time job in order to help his family survive.

As a young man he entered the United States Army and served 2 years in the Vietnam War. He met his true love, Claudian Hammond, at the age of 14 and the two later married in 1968. They built a life together in South Plainfield, NJ and from this union two boys were born, Randolph (Randy) E. Montford and Rudolph (Rudy) L. Montford. He dedicated his life to taking care of his wife and children and later his grandchildren.

Rudy went back to his alma mater, Plainfield High School where he dedicated 31 years of service; first as a Security Officer and then was later promoted to Security Coordinator of Plainfield School System. Upon retirement, he continued his love of traveling and fishing as often as he could. He was a decorated Vietnam Veteran and a life time member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), The American Legion, The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and The Military Order of the Cootie. He served as an officer on every organizational board. Rudy helped organize the Buddy Poppy Campaign each year and raised the highest amount ever. He also assisted in developing monthly breakfasts for the needy, monthly pizza/bingo parties at hospitals, and annual Christmas parties where everyone received gifts.

Rudy was a family man who loved to be around his family and friends, encouraging and participating in family gatherings and outings. His family wasn't just the Montford family; the entire Plainfield community was his family as well. He was a pillar in the community always there to support or give a helping hand.

He and his family were members of Mount Olive Baptist Church and his faith and love of God was evident in the way he lived his life. He touched the lives of many and all who came to know him. He was a loving and devoted son, brother, husband, father, uncle, cousin, friend and colleague. He departed this life on June 23, 2014.

Rudy was predeceased by his parents Horace Montford, Sr. and Lola Montford, his brothers EJ Montford and Horace Montford, Jr. and God-Daughter, Wendy Ross.

He leaves to cherish loving memories – his wife, Claudian Montford, his sons, Randy Montford and Rudy Montford, his grandchildren, Corey Montford and Autumn Montford, 3 brothers, John Montford (Ruth), Willie Montford, Roy Montford (Janet), 4 sisters, Mazel Wells (Moses), Elnora Mattos, Lola Jordan, Shirley Drew, God Daughters, Dionne Spann-Thomas and La'Toya Palin and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lovingly Submitted, The Montford Family

“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a 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: 2nd not to me only, but unto them also that love is appearing.”

II Timothy 4:6-8

Order of Service

Presiding.....Deacon Madison D. Trammell III

Musical Prelude.....Donald D. Nichols, Jr.

Processional.....The Family

Selection.....“Oh, I Want to See Him” #41

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament - 1st Thessalonians 4:13-17

Prayer

Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Rosella Brackett

Remarks.....Emma Williams

Obituary.....Silent Reading

Solo.....Deacon John Gill

Eulogy.....Reverend Tracy Brown

Recessional.....Family and Friends





Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Interment

Hillside Cemetery
Scotch Plains, New Jersey

Repast

*Immediately following the Interment,
the Family will receive friends back at the church.*

Acknowledgements

*The Montford Family is thankful for all your
love, prayers, and support during this time. We
pray that God will continue to bless you all.*

The Family

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