

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

for

Edward Nathaniel Adams, Sr.



Sunrise

December 24, 1924

Sunset

July 8, 2014

Tuesday, July 15, 2014 - 11:00 A.M.

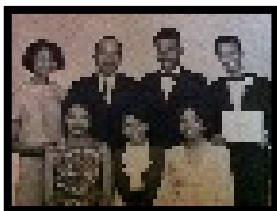
METROPOLITAN AME ZION CHURCH

597 Bergen Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey

Rev. Nathaniel B. Legay, Pastor Officiating

Obituary

Edward Nathaniel Adams, Sr. was born to Frances and David Adams on December 24, 1924 in Charleston, South Carolina. He had three brothers and one sister.



Eddie left school at the age of 10 to help support his family financially. Many years later he attended Dickinson Night School. He was a very proud student and greatly benefited from the education he received there.

In 1942, Eddie joined the US Navy and served aboard the USS DeVosa. As a Steward First Class he prepared meals for the officers. When he was honorably discharged in 1945, Eddie served his country additional years in the US Navy Reserves.

Eddie started his long history with the Fruit Growers Express, a railroad company, in 1946. One of his co-workers, Lamar Henderson, introduced Eddie to his sister, Geneva Carter. They married that year in December and settled in Jersey City. They raised five children: Saundria, Edward Nathaniel, Jr, Barbara, Darcel and Anthony. During his 35 years at FGE Eddie held many positions retiring as a supervisor.



Eddie didn't stay retired for long as he answered the call of those in need of a chauffeur. He enjoyed driving. He wanted to see America up close and now his schedule allowed him to vacation as often as he chose to. So, with Geneva by his side they started traveling all over the United States and into Canada and Mexico, too. They have also ventured abroad to London and Paris.

Eddie enjoyed his family, going to the movies, watching old classic movies, cooking, driving, and listening to various genre of music.



God called Eddie home on Tuesday, July 8 after a lengthy illness. He was predeceased by his son, Edward, Jr.; his mother, Frances Adams; his father, David Adams; his brothers, William Malloy, Roper and Hansel Adams; and a baby sister.

He leaves to mourn: his devoted wife, Geneva; four loving children, Saundria Shaw, Barbara Little (Harry), Darcel Jackson (Anthony), and Anthony Adams; ten grandchildren, William Neil Shaw, Dana Rogers (Donald), Anthony Shaw, Tanyeka Adams-Butler (Kyle, Sr.), Shana Shaw, Tiara Arroyo (Joel), Shannon Adams and Nadia Little; two step-granddaughters; LaShonda Stone (Darrell) and Sahara Aisha Ross; 21 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Henderson (Tarpon Springs, FL) and Christine Johnson (Bayonne, NJ); special family friend, Frank Jordan; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude..... Mr. Carl Washington

ProcessionalClergy and Family

Invocation

Hymn of Consolation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Mr. Donald Rogers

New Testament - John 14:1-6 Mrs. Dana Rogers

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection..... Mrs. Lily Fleming

Acknowledgements/Remarks

Obituary Mrs. Tanyeka Adams-Butler

Musical Selection Ms. Barbara Williams

Eulogy..... Rev. Nathaniel B. Legay

Musical Selection..... Mr. Sinclair Johnson

Final Viewing

Benediction

RecessionalClergy and Family

Interment

Bayview Cemetery
Jersey City, New Jersey

Repast

The repast will be held in the church fellowship hall
immediately following the interment.

I COULD NOT BEAR MY CROSS ALONE

I could not bear my cross alone So weak and worn was I,
But Jesus came Himself to help And soon my tears were dry.

It broke my heart to leave dear friends, And loved ones I adore,
Although I knew, earth's sadness ends At Heaven's golden door.

For this is a journey we all must take No matter where or when,
Keep precious memories for my sake Until we meet again.

When I Must Leave You

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in. Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win. Please don't say how good I was, but I did my best. Just say that I tried to do what's right - to give the most I could, not do less.

Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do. I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due. Please don't give flowers, or talk in hushed tones. Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God; I've made my home.

Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done. Just see to all my family's needs, the battle has been won. When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a Saint. I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paint - not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark. In fact, don't put me down on canvass, paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember good times, but remember all the bad. For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad. But if you must do something, then I have one last request - forgive for the wrongs I've done, and with the love that's left, thank God for my soul's resting, thank God for I've been blessed. Thank God for all who loved me, praise God who loved me best.

Acknowledgement

We the family, have been strengthened by your support. We offer thanks and special prayers for all the kind expressions of sympathy extended to us during this time of bereavement. Please continue to pray for us and may God continue to bless you all.

The Family of Edward Nathaniel Adams, Sr.

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