

*Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life
Of*

***Deacon Donald Odums**
"Dude"*



Alpha:
July 29, 1933
Cuthbert, Georgia

Omega:
August 18, 2014
Easton, Pennsylvania

Service

Sunday, August 24, 2014 ~ 7:00 pm

G. G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

206 East Eighth Avenue
Roselle, New Jersey 07203

Rev. Dr. Larry E. Dixon, Presiding Elder

Life Reflections

Deacon Donald Odums was born on July 29, 1933 in Cuthbert, Georgia to the late Susie Mae Odums and Homer Rogers. He was educated in the Randolph County Public School system. At an early age, he joined Piney Grove Baptist Church in Cuthbert, Georgia. Donald enlisted in the United States Air Force from which he was honorably discharged.

Upon his discharge from the Air Force, Donald settled in Easton, Pennsylvania. He worked many years for Lauter's Fine Furniture Store in Easton as a Sales Associate. Donald joined Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Newton, New Jersey where he faithfully served as a Deacon until his health began to fail. He loved the Lord and gave Him the best of his service.

"Dude", as he was affectionately called by his family and friends, loved singing Gospel songs and reading the Bible. One of his favorite scriptures was Psalm 119:11: *"Thy word have I hidden in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee."*

Dude truly loved his family, his church and had a very generous spirit. He was also very fond of vanilla ice cream and soda.

God thought it best to call his faithful servant Donald "Dude" Odums home on Monday, August 18, 2014 in Easton Hospital in Easton, Pennsylvania after a long illness.

Deacon Donald Odums leaves to mourn his passing, his two daughters: Lucy Smith and Kenya Howard of Allentown, Pennsylvania; four grandchildren: Mikel, Shatika, Yasin and Kenyon and four great-grandchildren all of Allentown, Pennsylvania; uncle, John Odums of Linden, New Jersey; aunt, Selma Wilburn of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; three special cousins: Margaret Hines, Raymond Sampson and Ernestine Williams all of New Jersey; and a host of relatives, friends and Pastor Martinez and the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church family.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or the play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it with undo grief
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now, He has set me free.*

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Homegoing Celebration for Deacon Donald Odums

The Order of Worship

The Organ Prelude

The Hymn of Comfort.....“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

The Consoling Word.....Rev. Gilbert C. Young, Jr.
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Roselle, NJ

The Old Testament: Job 14:1-6
The New Testament: John 14:1-6

The Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon West Coleman, Jr.
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Roselle, NJ

The Selection.....Deacon Theodore Goodman
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Roselle, NJ

The Tribute.....Rev. George B. Martinez
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Newton, NJ

The Reflections by Family and Friends

The Acknowledgements

Reading of the Obituary(read silently)

The Selection.....Deacon Theodore Goodman
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Roselle, NJ

The Eulogy..... Rev. Dr. Larry E. Dixon
Presiding Elder Atlantic City District, Atlantic City, NJ

“The Good Thing About Death”

The Committal

<p style="text-align:center"><u>Interment</u> <i>Monday, August 25, 2014 ~ 2:00 p.m.</i> Washington Crossing National Cemetery Newtown, Pennsylvania</p>

Services Entrusted To:

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Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **Deacon Donald Odums**

God Came

*God came to me one day
He whispered in my ear
Come on my child, its time to go
Your home is now up there
I can't go now, I haven't said goodbye
To my friends and family
Don't worry, he said you don't have to fear.
In their hearts you'll always be near.
I went without saying anything
To all the people I love
Hoping they'll understand, it was in God's plan
and at His gates I'll stand
So now that I'm in the house of the Lord
I say don't shed a tear
Just think of it as his amazing grace
And know I'm always here
Till our hearts in death are stilled.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Deacon Donald Odums** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers.
May God continue to richly bless you.*