

In Loving Memory of Kenneth V. Staats

January 30, 1935 - November 18, 2014

A man wearing a light-colored patterned suit jacket, a red shirt, a straw hat with a black band, and sunglasses stands with his hands clasped in front of a golden, ornate wrought-iron gate. Behind the gate, two angels with large white wings and white robes are visible against a soft, golden background.

Wednesday, November 26, 2014 - 9:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Kenneth Vincent Staats, son of the late Olive V. Jefferson and William Staats of East Orange, New Jersey, was born January 30, 1935 in East Orange, New Jersey. Kenneth departed this life on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at Brookhaven Nursing Home in East Orange, New Jersey where he had been a resident for several years.

He received his early education in the public schools of Jersey City, New Jersey. His family relocated to Detroit, Michigan when he was 15 years old. After graduating from Northeastern High School of Detroit, Michigan, he entered the Military and served in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in May, 1955. After returning home from the Army, Kenneth was employed with Ford Motor Company and Colloid Chemical Plant where he worked as a laborer.

Kenneth enjoyed spending time with family and friends, going on road trips, watching basketball and football and dining out. Kenneth was a fun loving, kind, generous man with a keen sense of humor.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his daughter, Victoria Staats and son in law Morike Diarra of Lodi, NJ, Victoria's mother and Kenneth's dear friend, Marsha McDonald of Bergenfield, NJ, Victoria's sister, Kimberly McDonald of Bergenfield NJ, his son Decundee Faulk of Jersey City, NJ, his loving grandsons, Makhli Rodney and Moulaye Diarra, his sister, Janice Winston of Detroit, Michigan, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Olive V. Jefferson and William Staats, and his brothers, Billy Staats and Lloyds Staats.

Do not stand at my grave and weep:

I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow:

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain:

I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the Morning's hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft star that shines at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry.

I am not there: I did not die.

*With Love,
The Family*

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Acknowledgements

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Eulogy

Viewing

Committal

Recessional

Interment

NJ Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey



Acknowledgement

Our family deeply appreciates your prayers, cards, love
and concern shown to us during our bereavement.
May God continue to bless you.

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