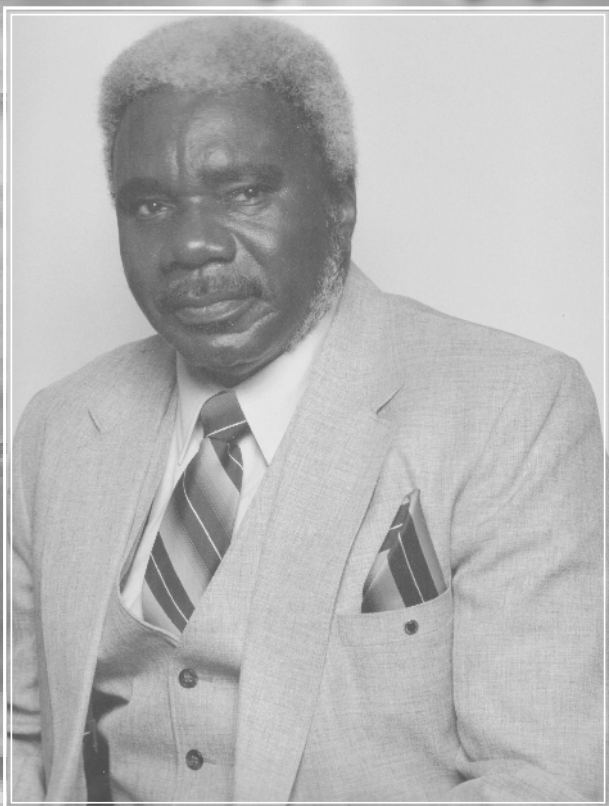


*In Loving Memory of*



*Rufus Douglas Parks*

*Sunrise*

*March 8, 1934*

*Sunset*

*December 14, 2014*

*Service*

*Saturday, December 20, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.*

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## *Celebration of Life*

**Rufus Douglas Parks** was born March 8, 1934 in Griffin, Georgia to Louise Parks and Clarence Brown. Rufus completed his schooling in Griffin, Georgia. After leaving Georgia, Rufus lived with his aunt, Ann Parks Worrell, whom he affectionately called “Aunt Tilly”.

**Rufus** was a veteran of the United States Army. While serving in the Army, he got the opportunity to see the world.

**Rufus** believed in God and was a member of Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church in Newark, NJ.

**Rufus** loved to have a “Good Time”. He especially enjoyed his birthdays, and every year was special to him. No one could forget March 8th, because he would call to remind you that he had a birthday coming up. He would even call back if he had not received a birthday card by the date.

**Rufus** departed this life early in the morning of Sunday, December 14, 2014 at East Orange General Hospital.

**Rufus D. Parks** leaves to cherish his precious memory: his children, Kenneth, Linda, Victoria, Christoria and Mable Parks; two sisters and one brother, Mable Ann Parks, Victoria Parks Blount and Prentiss (Joanne) Parks, all of Detroit, MI; a sister-in-law, Judy Messiner Parks of Clarksville, TN; a special niece, Vonda Parks of Detroit, MI; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He also leaves behind two special friends, Maybelle Barnes (whom he called “his sister”) and Jessie Brown.

**Rufus** will be deeply missed by all who knew him and/or came in contact with him.

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Final Viewing**

**Recessional**

*Interment*

*New Jersey Veterans Cemetery*

*Arneytown, New Jersey*

## *His Journey's Just Begun*

Don't think of him as gone away his journey's just begun.  
Life holds so many facets this earth is only one.  
Just think of him as resting from the sorrows and the tears  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are not days and years.  
Think how he must be wishing that we could know today  
How nothing but our sadness can really pass away.  
And think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched...  
For nothing loved is ever lost  
and he was loved so much.

## *Expressions Of Thanks*

Perhaps you stopped to visit us,  
sent a floral spray, or simply made a call.  
Perhaps you heard of our bereavement and  
whispered a sincere prayer for us all.  
Maybe you expressed concern  
and we were made aware,  
Because friends are so very special,  
especially when they care.  
Whatever your contribution, it has helped  
to make the inevitable more acceptable.  
From each of us to all of you,  
a sincere thank you.

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

## *Acknowledgements*

The family of **Rufus Parks** gives a special thank you to his  
doctors and care providers at East Orange General Hospital,  
Park Crescent Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center and  
the staff at the Norman Towers Apartments.

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