

Celebrating the Life of
Eric Noel Morrison



Sunrise
December 16, 1963

Sunset
January 19, 2015

Service
Monday, January 26, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.
Franklin-St. John United Methodist Church
142 Maple Ave., Newark, New Jersey

Order of Service

Officiant - Reverend Geralda Hill, Pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church, Newark, NJ

Musical Prelude.....Walter Sorey

Procession of the Family*

Prayer of Consolation.....Reverend Elliotte Raines, Associate Pastor
Park Avenue-St. Johns United Methodist Church, East Orange, NJ

Hymn of Comfort..... *"Blessed Assurance"*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 91.....Jeffrey Williams

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.....Adam Williams

Musical Selection.....*"Impossible Dream"*
The North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club

Acknowledgements

Reading of the Obituary.....Niama Morrison

Expressions (*Please limit expressions to 2 minutes*).....Family, Friends, Colleagues

Song of Celebration.....Kenny Bobien

Eulogy.....Reverend Cornelius D. Eaddy, Pastor
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, PA

Song of Victory..... *"Total Praise"*
The North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club

Benediction.....Reverend Geralda Hill

Recessional*

Musical Postlude.....*"Let the Church Say Amen"*
Walter Sorey

Interment: Fairmount Cemetery, 620 Central Avenue, Newark, NJ 07107

* *Please Stand.*

*Immediately following the service, the repast will be held at
Franklin-St. John United Methodist Church, 142 Maple Avenue, Newark, NJ 07112*

Obituary

Eric Noel Morrison was born on December 16, 1963 in Newark, NJ to Beatrice Morrison and the late Millard F. Morrison. He is preceded in death by his sister, the late Olivia Morrison and by his brothers, the late Carl Knight Morrison and the late Victor Morrison.

Known for his gentle manner and his love of all forms of music, Eric was a product of the Newark Public School system and graduated from Arts High School. His formal education continued, attending Upsala College graduating with a BA degree in Business Administration in 1985. During his college years, Eric was a member of the Upsala Chamber Singers and Upsala Gospel Choir and was known for having a resoundingly resonant bass voice. He demonstrated his passion for helping others through his participation as a mentor in *Workshop 90* while at Upsala. In addition, Eric was a Student Ambassador advocating for students' rights and also served as a member of the Third World Student Organization, an organization ensuring minority representation in student life affairs. Lastly, he was an Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Counselor assisting incoming students with the necessary lifestyle adjustments for successful college life.

After graduation, Eric held a succession of mortgage banking positions for 21 years with various financial institutions including: Howard Savings Bank, First Fidelity Bank, First Union, SIB Mortgage Company, Lehman Brothers and Franklin Credit Management Corporation. In each instance, Eric combined his knowledge of the mortgage banking industry with his compassion to help hundreds of underserved customers. His love for mortgage banking was remarkable.

Even more remarkable was Eric's love for children. One of his last positions was that of Operations Manager for Not Just a Daycare, a childcare facility in Roselle, NJ. Eric was drawn to the infants and they sought him out for the sensitive way in which he interacted with them continuously engaging them. His connection with children carried over into his personal life as he established and maintained very, very close relationships with his niece, nephews and godchildren.

Born into a family of musicians, Eric was passionate about all types of music. He was a fan of club and house music and jazz and in particular, loved the music of Sarah Vaughan and Diane Reeves. In addition, Eric enjoyed African American spirituals among other genres. His interest in music was brilliantly exemplified through his loyal membership in the North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club until his health prevented his participation. Moreover, Eric also sang with the Thurston G. Frazier Memorial Chorale of The Gospel Music Workshop of America, The Hampton University Ministers Conference Choir and The National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Music Auxiliary.

Without question, Eric's love for music was upstaged by his love of his family. The influential women who shared in Eric's life and who he dearly loved were: his late grandmother, Rosa Lee Hollis, his mother, Beatrice Morrison and his Aunt Topsy (Yvonne Hollis) He diligently cared for them and attended to their every need.

Eric leaves to cherish his legacy his mother, Beatrice Morrison of Newark, NJ; one brother, Bruce Morrison of Plainfield, NJ; two sisters-in-law, Diane Morrison of Plainfield, NJ; Gwendolyn Morrison of Newark, NJ; one uncle, Frank Morrison (Delores) of Newark, NJ; and two other aunts, Yvonne Hollis and Iona Morrison both of Newark, NJ; three nephews, Derek Morrison of Plainfield, NJ, Jamil Morrison of Newark, NJ and Ulysses Guthrie of New Jersey; and one niece, Niama-Nicole Morrison of Newark, NJ; and a host of relatives and friends.











In Appreciation

The family wishes to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks for all of the prayers and support given during this time of bereavement. All will be acknowledged at a later date.

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