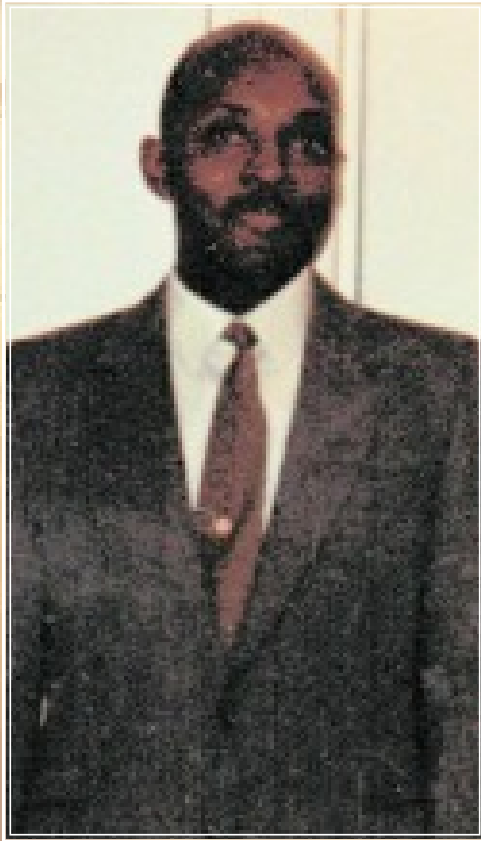


In Loving Memory of



Edward "Sonnyboy" Delane Washington

Sunrise

July 8, 1937

Sunset

January 20, 2015

Service

Sunday, February 8, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

141 W. 115th Street • New York, NY

Rev. Dr. Renee F. Washington Gardner, Officiating

Obituary

We are here today to honor and celebrate the life of **Edward “Sonnyboy” Delane Washington**. He was born on July 8, 1937 in Marion, South Carolina to Meola Curry Washington and Thomas Washington, the second of five children.

He graduated from Marion County Technical Training School and then went on to serve in the United States Marine Corp. After his tour in the service, Edward moved up north to Harlem, where he attended Memorial Baptist Church under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. W. Monroe and was ordained as Deacon April 18, 1963. Memorial was his second home and served with dedication and faithfulness for over fifty years. He worked for Schwartz Jewelers in the diamond district after the service until his retirement in 2007.

Edward was preceded in death by his mother, Meola C. Washington, spouse, Betty J. Washington and cousin, Catherine Woodbury.

Edward, Eddie, Sonnyboy will be remembered as a loving, calm, mild mannered, peaceful guy who loved to laugh. He had his own sly sarcastic sense of humor. He loved God, his family and friends, sports and politics. He could make anyone feel at ease. He will truly be missed, but when you think of him you cannot help but to possess a feeling of warmth inside.

He is survived by: his eldest sister, Thomasena Wade; brother-in-law, Jimmy Wade; brother, Clarence Washington; sister, Janet Allen, and brother, Eric Washington; aunt, Jacqueline Baker Hall of South Carolina; uncle, Rev. Johnathan Baker of South Carolina; cousins, Meola Gray, Marion Johnson, Dorothy Dixon, Roslyn Belton and Linda Lewis; nieces, Rena D. Wade and Millicent Wade; great nieces, Jessica Smith and Alyssa Wade; great nephews, Amir Barney and Ahmad Barney; numerous cousins, extended family members and friends.

On behalf of the family, I would like to thank you for coming out to celebrate the life of Edward D. Washington. It's not ever good-bye, but until we meet again, save a place for me.

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Renee F. Washington Gardner, Officiating

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Final Viewing

Invocation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn of Praise - No. 325

"We'll Understand It Better By and By"

Reflections From Family and Friends

Selection

Reflections From The Memorial

Selection

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Church Letter

Church Resolution

Selection

Obituary

Sermonic Selection

The Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Renee F. Washington Gardner

The Benediction

The Committal

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Triumph

Final Disposition

Monday, February 9, 2015

Woodlawn Crematory

Bronx, New York



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 play.

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up 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 you the sunshine of*

tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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