

Celebration of Life

Edward Leonard Chiles

Sunrise: January 28, 1947 - Sunset: March 26, 2015



Service:

Thursday April 2, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Mt. Zion FBH Church

79 Kearney Avenue

Jersey City, New Jersey 07305

Elder Willie J. Clark, Officiating

Obituary

Edward Leonard Chiles was the youngest child born to the late Bishop Odia Rea Chiles and Mary Ella Andrews-Chiles in Baltimore City, Maryland. Leonard as he was affectionately called by his family, attended and graduated from Ferris High School in Jersey City, New Jersey in 1966. On April 23, 1966, he married his high school sweetheart Ruth Phillips.

His professional career consist of working for the New Jersey Railroad followed by owning his own variety shop located in Jersey City called "The Unique Shop". He went on to become an employee of the United States Postal Service for 15 years. Edward always loved working with his hands. As a result, he became an independent satellite installer which inspired him to earn his license as a Master Electrician. Edward loved giving back to the community, he created the Hudson City Contractors Association. This Association formed a school which gave ex-offenders and the undeserved population of Hudson County the opportunity to become skilled tradesman and women. He was also a New Jersey State Assembly Member for many years. Ed's favorite past times were assembling model cars, riding his motorcycle, going for long car rides, playing the bass guitar, singing, dancing, traveling, and attending shows at the theater, and enjoying the outdoors. He was also a member of the singing group called "Muchie and the Novation's" with his sister Marjorie Chiles in the 1970's. He was an organ donor and his eye coronas were donated to two recipients to help restore their vision.

Edward Leonard Chiles lived a full life and loved his family. He leaves to cherish his loving memory his beloved wife Ruth, daughters Lori "Candy" Chiles, Shamar Chiles-Darden (son in law Granger Darden), and youngest child Zenneia Chiles. His surviving siblings Walter Chiles (sister in law Helen), Marian Deadwyler, Betty Golden, Juanita Saunders, and Gloria Lennon. Predeceased siblings, oldest brother Odia Rae Chiles, Jr., and sister Fumilayo B Tumpe (Marjorie Chiles). Grandchildren Charlette Chiles, Kadeem Edward Chiles, Deja Williams, Tyrea Wright, Zayden Chiles-Venable, Zahier Chiles and Saniya Chiles. Great grandson Deon Chiles, and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn
“Amazing Grace”

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort
Elder Willie Clark

Selection

Remarks
Family

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Poem
“Love Time Infinity” - Charlette Chiles

Selection

Eulogy

Viewing

Committal

Recessional

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| <p><u>Final Disposition</u> Rosedale Cemetery Orange, New Jersey</p> |
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If Heaven Had A Window



If heaven had a window
and God granted me a view,
of all the beauty it beholds

I'd only look for you.

I'd listen for your laughter
that was always music to me,
your beautiful hair and hazel
eyes is what I'd wish most to see.

If I could only view once more
the smile that warmed my heart,
I'd treasure that moment as long
as I live and we must be apart.

Here on earth I search for you
and pray to God for signs,
and every day that passes you're
still with me in my mind.

I know you're happy in heaven you've
earned your mansion indeed,
I imagine your kitchen table
and you waiting there for me.

I love you and I miss you more than words can say,
and what I wouldn't give just to talk to you today.

I hope that you can hear me
and listen to my thoughts,
and where ever this life take
s me you know I've not forgot.

That once upon a time I was blessed
and loved its true,

and if heaven had a window I'd only look for you.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Edward Leonard Chiles** wishes to express their sincere of your presence, sympathy, prayers, text messages, food, flowers and love shown to them during this time of bereavement. All will be acknowledged at a later date. May God continue to bless you all.

Friends are respectfully invited to join the family for a repast in the dining hall of the church following the private committal services at 3:00 pm.

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