Homegoing Service for

Ernest McLaughlin



Sunrise April 22, 1933

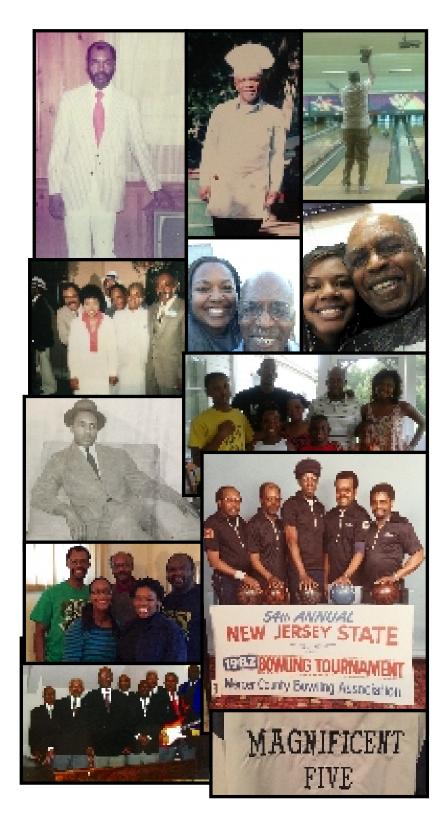
Sunset November 27, 2015

Friday, December 4, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.

Peaceful Zion Baptist Church

213 Rhode Island Avenue East Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. James A. Johnson, Sr., Officiating



Obituary

Brother Ernest McLaughlin departed this life at Clara Maass Hospital on November 27, 2015. The sixth of eight children, Ernest was born on April 22,1933 to the late Thomas and Earlie Mae McLaughlin in Raeford, North Carolina.

Ernest attended Upchurch High School where he excelled in athletics as a member of the basketball team and a pitcher for the baseball team. After graduation, he attended North Carolina A&T State University for one year. Then in 1957, Ernest ventured to New Jersey where his oldest sister the late Mae Bell McCall was already residing.

Newark, NJ is where the North Carolinian met the Georgia girl, Gennett Everett. On New Year's Day 1958, they were united in holy matrimony, which also happened to be his mother's birthday. From that union, 3 children were born: Dorinda, Thomas and Sharlene.

Ernest confessed Christ at an early age and was baptized at Silver Grove Baptist Church. He joined Peaceful Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Joseph T. Osborne, Sr. During his membership, he was a member of the Senior Choir, a charter member and president of the Male Chorus, once chairman of the Trustee Board and a member of the Nehemiah Foundation. He also helped to organize the first bowling league at Peaceful Zion.

Ernest was employed as a foreman for Leslie Steel Company in Parsippany, NJ and was later employed by McArthur Petroleum in Newark, NJ until retirement.

Ernest's favorite past times were watching the Western Channel or in his words "Shoot Em Ups" on a daily basis and striving to roll that perfect game every Saturday night at the bowling alley. (He came close a few times.) Most of all, he loved those old spirituals sung by the gospel groups of yesterday: The Swan Silvertones, The Dixie Humming Birds, The Soul Stirrers, The Violinaires, and Willie Neal Johnson and the Gospel Keynotes. In his final days, he could be heard in the hospital singing "I'll Go If I Have to Go By Myself" and "Amazing Grace".

He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife of 57 years, Gennett McLaughlin, Three sons Ralph (Linda) Gore of Carthage, NC, Elder Larry (Carolyn) Campbell of Zebulon, NC, Thomas (Zena) McLaughlin of Jacksonville, FL, Two daughters Dorinda McLaughlin and Sharlene Nelson of Newark, NJ and one godson Clay Lea of Rahway, NJ, 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; Two brothers: Bernis (Margaret) McLauchlin of Raeford, NC and George McLaughlin of New Brunswick, NJ; One sister, Naomi Steele of Baltimore, MD, Five sisters-in-law: Annette Mack of Atwater, CA, Jerrie Coleman of Anchorage, AK, Betty Respress of Dothan, AL, Cleo Everett of Newark, NJ and Flonnie McLaughlin of Roselle, NJ; Oldest friend Rufus Evans; the Bigelow Family and special Brother Walter Bigelow; His Peaceful Zion church family, Randall Chapel Bowling League and a host of relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Organ Prelude Seating of the Family Selection..... Male Chorus "In The Garden" Scripture Readings Old Testament New Testament Prayer of Comfort SelectionDon Corey Washington "If I Can Help Somebody" Reflections SelectionProvenance Music Group Resolutions and ObituaryKendra Coppedge SelectionMale Chorus "Send Me I'll Go" EulogyRev. Dr. James A. Johnson Sr., Pastor Recessional

-Interment-

Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey

Following the interment family and friends are invited to the repast in the church Fellowship Hall.

Pall Bearers The Sons



God gives us each the gift of life

To cherish from our birth

He gives us friends and those we love

To share our days on earth

He watches us with loving care

And takes us by the hand

He blesses us with countless joys

And guides the lives we've planned

Then when our work on earth is done

He calls us to His side

To live with Him in happiness

Where peace and love abide

Acknowledgement

The family of Ernest McLaughlin acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during our time of bereavement. Our sorrow is easier to bear with help from God and you, our family and friends.

From our hearts. we thank you.

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