



*In Loving Memory of*

*Melvin P.  
Gaddy Sr.*

Sunrise  
May 23, 1923

Sunset  
December 4, 2016

*Service*

*Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.*

**Saint James AME Church**

588 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

## Obituary

**Melvin Preston Gaddy** departed this life on Sunday, December 4th after a valiant battle against COPD at the age of 93.

He was born on May 23, 1923 in Charlotte, N.C. He was the fifth child in a close knit religious family of six children born to the late William Andrew Gaddy Sr. and Minnie Brown Gaddy. He gave his life to Christ at an early age and joined the family church, Ebenezer Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C. as an active member.

He was educated in the public schools of Charlotte and attended Johnson C. Smith University for a year. He was married to the late Pearlie Willis. From that union 3 children were born: Melvin Gaddy Jr., Addie Elizabeth, and Sandra Louise. In the late 1940's, he relocated to Bronx, New York and began working for the Republic Aviation Corporation in Farmingdale. He joined Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and started teaching Sunday School. He later became Superintendent of the Sunday School. He had a son, Kelvin Webb.

In 1953 he married Marjorie Spencer. This marriage was to last 63 years. The couple moved to West Hempstead and then Hempstead, Long Island. Mr. & Mrs. Gaddy had two girls born on Long Island; June Therese and Susan Robin. The family joined the Second Baptist Church in Rockville Center in 1955. Brother Gaddy was a member of Second Baptist for 61 years. During that time, he was a member of the male chorus and chairman of the trustee board. He was Superintendent of the Sunday School for over forty years. He was on the Pastoral Search Committee which selected the late Rev. Charles W. Durden as pastor of Second Baptist. He was also on the Pastoral Search Committee which selected the present pastor Rev. Preston H. Drinks of the Second Baptist Church in Baldwin. He was a 33rd degree Mason and a past master of Brite Lite Lodge #2 in Queens, N.Y.

When the building for the Central Nassau Health Insurance Plan was being constructed in Hempstead in 1958, he was employed as the supervisor of the maintenance staff, a position he held until his retirement.

Mr. Gaddy was skilled in electronics, videotaping, and computers. After taking a couple of courses at Nassau Community College, he taught himself to build and repair computers. He delighted in helping people with their computer issues. He loved helping people. He would sometimes drive members of the church to locations in the south as far as West Virginia and North Carolina. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 63 years, Marjorie Spencer Gaddy, six children, Melvin Jr. (Mary Sue), Addie Ellis (James), Sandra Williams (Phillip), Kelvin Webb, June Koffi (Alphonse), Susan Pope (Darrell), 17 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and 1 remaining sibling, Lois Gaddy Bemby.

# Order of Service

## **Rev. Reginald Clark, Officiating**

- Musical Prelude ..... Bro. Kyle Smith
- Processional ..... Clergy and Family
- Opening Hymn “Blessed Assurance” ..... Min. Steve Hill
- Prayer of Comfort ..... Dr. Mary White Williams
- Scripture Readings  
Old Testament ..... Rev. Reginald Clark  
New Testament ..... Rev. Lonnie Jones
- Solo ..... Bro. Timothy Faust
- Resolution and Acknowledgements ..... Bro. Charles Watts
- Remarks/Family Tribute ..... Deacon Hardwick  
Deacon Lassiter  
Darrell Pope
- Obituary ..... (Read Silently)
- Solo ..... Sis. Sandra Williams
- Eulogy ..... Rev. Preston Harrington Drinks,  
Pastor of 2nd Baptist of Baldwin, NY
- Recessional ..... Clergy and Family

*Repast immediately after service for immediate  
family members and close friends.*

### **Interment**

Pinelawn Memorial Park  
2030 Wellwood Ave. Farmingdale, NY

## Pallbearers

Melvin Gaddy III

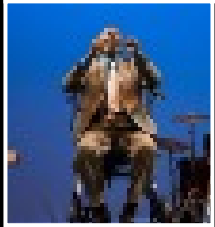
Kelvin Webb II

Tim Faust

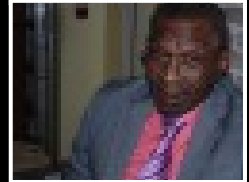
Kenny Gaddy

Spencer Greene

Alphonse Koffi



We little knew that morning  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
You did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.  
You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always by our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again



### *Acknowledgement From The Family*

*The family would like to thank you for your prayers, words of comfort, cards, texts and visits. Although it is a difficult time, we find comfort in your support. He touched so many lives and taught us all to live our lives with integrity and purpose. We sincerely thank you and we shall remember your kindness with grateful hearts.*

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