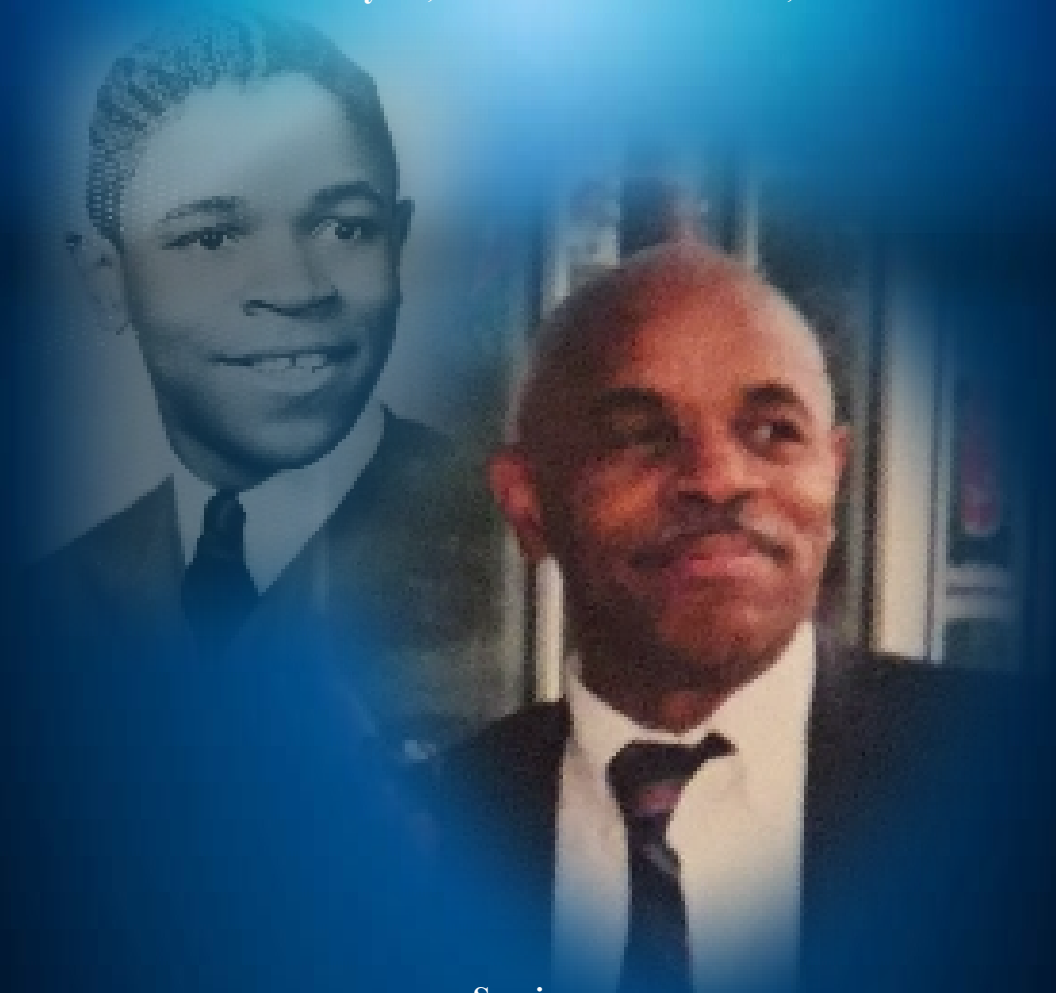


A Celebration of Life DeCosta "Doug" Douglin

Sunrise: July 23, 1943 - Sunset: June 29, 2017



Service:

Friday, July 14, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.

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Obituary

DeCosta “Doug” Douglin was born in Boston, Massachusetts on July 23, 1943 to Claudine (Edwards) and Dayton Douglin. A few years later she relocated to New York City with him and Wendell, his younger brother. Doug was educated in New York City Public Schools and attended Bronx Community College where he earned an associate’s degree.

From 1966 to 1968 he served in the US Army. He was stationed in Germany during those years, and was a military policeman. The Army sent him to German language school to translate and he enjoyed meeting locals during his days off by driving around Germany in his VW Bug.

In 1971, DeCosta accepted Christ as His personal Lord and Savior and was transformed. He immediately was baptized, started studying the Bible and telling others about Christ. He amassed a large library of Biblical writings. Not surprisingly, he stamped his checks and anything he sent to people by mail as well as his books and Bibles with

*Study the Bible, Study Every Book, Study Every Chapter,
Study Every Sentence, Study Every Word*

In 1970, he met Harriet Birkett. They married in 1972 and had two children: Clifford, who was born in 1976, and Lea who was born in 1979. They moved from Newark, NJ in late 1976 and then in 1977 bought a home in East Orange, NJ.

He worked as a computer operator for a number of companies including HBO. In the early eighties, he began working for the City of New York and was certified in various computer languages. At the time he retired from the city in 2015, he was working in Hub Maintenance for the city’s Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications in Brooklyn.

DeCosta was hospitalized in early June 2017 and was subsequently diagnosed with lung cancer. He passed away on June 29th at Hoboken University Medical Center. (He was predeceased by his mother (1975) and brother (1998). He leaves to mourn his wife, Harriet, his son, Clifford, and his daughter, Lea. In addition, he will be missed by family members: in-laws-- Fred and Norma Birkett, Edmund and Fredericka (Birkett) Evans, Fred and Cheryl Birkett and his cousins, including Herb Lewis, Dolores Bracy, and Larry Riley. Lastly, his absence will be acutely felt by his brothers and sisters at Park Street Chapel, Roselle, NJ as well as a host of co-workers, neighbors, and friends--especially the Murray Family--Dana, Sonjay, and Jarrett (Godson).

We take comfort in the fact that he believed in the Word of the Living God and is now in the presence of His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Triumphantly Submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Officiating ~ Bro. Edric Martin, Park Street Chapel, Roselle, NJ

Entrance of Family

Prayer and Opening Remarks
Bro. Sameh Elias, MD

Congregational Hymn
"Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Reading from the Old Testament
Psalm 23

Instrumental Selection
Dr. Oscar Petty, Oboist
East Orange Public Schools

Scripture Reading from the New Testament
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Vocal Selection
Bro. Charles McKie

Reflections
Bro. George Austin

Instrumental Selection
Sis. Rebecca Saint Paul, Violinist

Sermonic Eulogy
Bro. Edric Martin

Instrumental Selection
Dr. Oscar Petty, Oboist
East Orange Public Schools

Closing Remarks and Blessing of Repast
Bro. Edric Martin

*Tonight my soul be still and sleep;
The storms are raging on God's deep-
God's deep not thine, Be still and sleep.*

*Tonight my soul be still and sleep;
God's hand shall still the tempest's sweep-
God's hand not thine, Be still and sleep.*

*Tonight my soul be still and sleep;
God's love be strong while night hours creep-
God's love not thine, Be still and sleep.*

*Tonight my soul be still and sleep;
God's heaven will comfort those who weep-
God's heaven and thine, Be still and sleep.*



Blessed Assurance

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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