

*Homegoing  
Celebration*

*for*

*Mark Franco*

**Sunrise:**  
**October 13, 1938**

**Sunset:**  
**November 12, 2017**

**Service**

**Tuesday, November 21, 2017 - 10:00 am**

**First Baptist Church**

**929 Dill Avenue  
Linden, NJ 07036**

**Reverend Dr. Derrick R. Dumas, Pastor  
Pastor Calvin A. Duncan, Officiating  
Reverend Don Marco Franco, Eulogist**

# Life Reflections

*Mark Franco* was born on October 13, 1938 in Newark, New Jersey, son of the late Juan Franco and Mary Patterson. He was the second of three children from that union. Mark attended Morton Street School in 1944. During his freshman year in high school in 1954, Mark attended MTIS in Bordentown, New Jersey. In 1955, Mark entered Rahway High School in Rahway where he played football, basketball and baseball. He graduated in 1957.

Mark enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1958. He earned his stripes of a Sergeant, served on Strategic Air Command bases (SAC) and was deployed all over the world at a moment's notice.

During this time, Mark married the former Mary McKivey and was blessed with two children, Quinta and Don.

He served his country for eight years before he was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. Following his discharge, Mark held positions at various companies, but the major source of income was from his auto-mechanic skills. He also tried out for a minor-league-baseball team prior to an extensive visit to Ecuador. This trip reacquainted him with his father's heritage and culture.

Mark was an extremely generous family man to his children and extended family. He would leave home with \$500.00 and return with \$25.00 due to his charitable spirit.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #7 in Plainfield, New Jersey, American Legion Post #152 and The Veterans Administration both from Newark. He was adamant about veterans receiving their proper benefits.

Mark achieved the ultimate milestone in his life when he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior nearly three years ago.

He was predeceased in death by his brother, Luke Gross of Detroit, Michigan.

Mark Franco leaves to celebrate his legacy, his daughter: Quinta Maria Franco; son: Reverend Don Marco Franco and wife, Minister Twyla Carson-Franco; four sisters: Angelica Garay, Yolanda Franco, Eugenia Bowers and Rose Hitchcock; brother: Melvin Hitchcock and wife, Texan Davis-Hitchcock; five grandchildren: Gabrielle Franco, Freddie Dotson, Alana Franco, Marques Franco and Andrew Franco; and a host of beloved relatives and friends.

Humbly Submitted,  
The Family

# Order Of Service

Musical Prelude.....Leroy Porter

The Invocation.....Pastor Richard D. Starling

Hymn of Comfort

Scriptural Reading:  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Solo.....Deacon Coley Carson

The Family Tribute.....Angelica Garay

Reflections.....Pastor Calvin A. Duncan  
Family and Friends

Acknowledgement of Condolences.....Trustee Arline Carson

Obituary

Solo.....Minister Twyla Carson-Franco

The Eulogy.....Reverend Don Marco Franco

The Recessional

The Benediction

*Immediately following the Service, Family and Friends are invited  
to a Repast located in the Church's dining hall.*

## **Interment**

Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey

*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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*"Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service"*

## Pallbearers

Grandsons and Dear Relatives of **Mark Franco**

### *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 place at the close of day*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembering joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes these things I to will miss*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've 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!*

### Acknowledgement

The family of **Mark Franco** acknowledges with sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness, love and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and God bless!

