

Celebration

for

Sunrise: October 13, 1938

Sunset: November 12, 2017

ServiceTuesday, November 21, 2017 - 10:00 am

Mark Franco

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

<u>Life Reflections</u>

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, Fredie 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.

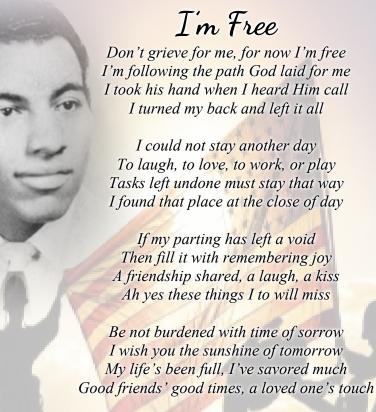
Interment

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

Services Entrusted To: G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC 206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203 www.ggwoodyfuneralhome.com

"Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service"

<u>Pallbearers</u> Grandsons and Dear Relatives of Mark Franco



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!

