

A portrait of a man with a mustache, wearing a dark blue clerical robe with two red crosses on the chest and a white shirt with a tie. He is holding a book. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

*Service of
Triumph
for*

May 15, 1935 - January 3, 2018

District Elder

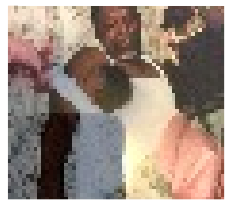
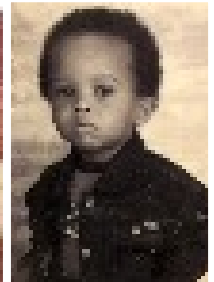
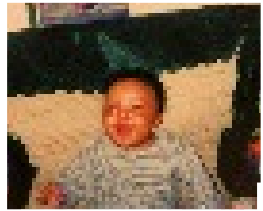
Edmond H. Boykins

Service:

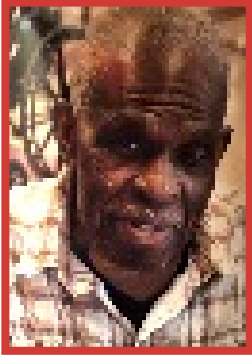
Friday, January 12, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. PAUL SOUNDS OF PRAISE

695 S. 17th Street • Newark, New Jersey



Obituary



Edmond H. Boykins was born on May 15, 1935 to the union of Isaiah Boykins and Eula Mae Tucker in Douglas, Georgia. He attended the Jessup, Georgia School District and after completing his school requirements, Edmond served in the United States Army in the Korean War and received an honorable discharge. After completing his requirements in the Army, he relocated to Newark, NJ, where he met and married the love of his life Frances Harris on March 3, 1957. The Lord blessed this union with two sons Michael and Marlon. Edmond was a diligent, hardworking husband and father while being employed for 34 years at General Motors in Linden, New Jersey where he retired in 1997. Edmond was an awesome grandfather to his grandchildren always spending time with them taking them to McDonald's and church conventions. He loved his grandchildren and would do anything to see them happy.

Edmond gave his life to the Lord in 1970, and became very adamant about winning souls for Christ. While on the job at General Motors he started a prayer and bible study group with his coworkers where many were led to Christ. Edmond immediately began to work in many different capacities within the church after he received Christ. He served faithfully as a Trustee, Deacon, Sunday school teacher, Pastor Aide Leader and YPWW President in the Church of God in Christ. Deacon Boykins felt a constant pull into higher ministry and following the leading of the Lord he accepted the call to become a minister of the gospel under the Leadership of Bishop B. Jennings. Minister Boykins then attended the Institute of Biblical Theology in Newark, NJ and was elevated to the office of Elder. In 1984, he became the Assistant Pastor of Gethsemane Church Of God In Christ, at 929 Bergen Street in Newark, New Jersey. After the passing of Bishop Jennings, Elder Boykins was installed as Pastor of Gethsemane COGIC with Jurisdictional Bishop C. D. Owens,

officiating in 1986. Elder Boykins was a dedicated, loyal, caring pastor and he truly had the heart of the people. He served faithfully as pastor for five years at Gethsemane Church of God in Christ.

In 1991, Elder Boykins was moved by God to plant Holy Ground Tabernacle Apostolic Church, which started in his home. In 1992, Elder & First Lady Boykins moved the Ministry to 317 Chancellor Avenue and the church continued to grow with many souls coming to Christ and joining the church. Elder Boykins was a great influence in the community by feeding the homeless, operating a food pantry, and conducting a noon day prayer at the church everyday. In 1994, Elder Boykins and the Church purchased their own building at 317 South 6th Street in Newark, NJ where he faithfully served as Founder and Pastor until he became ill. While serving as Pastor of Holy Ground Tabernacle, Elder & First Lady Boykins along with their church became apart of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World Incorporated in 2004 under the Leadership of Suffragan Bishop James E. Churchwell and served well until his health began to fail.

Elder Boykins made his transition to glory on Wednesday January 3, 2018 after a long illness at the East Orange Medical Center. He leaves to cherish his memories and carry his legacy on, his wife of sixty-one years, Frances Boykins. His sons, Robert Daniel Wright (GA), Michael Boykins (VA), and Marlon (Katrica) Boykins (SC). Five grandsons: Jayquan, Aaron, Dauchon, Xhavier, and Xaire. Two granddaughters: Aaliah and Xuraya. One great-grandson: Christopher. Three Goddaughters: Brenda Moody, Verna Williams, and Mykeata Vines-Exum. Four brothers: Ozzie (Deborah) DeLoach, Deacon Willie (Jessie) DeLoach, Lawrence (Janette) DeLoach, Sidney (Sandra) DeLoach, Pastor Joseph (Angel) DeLoach (Georgia). Five sisters: Betty Lou Turner, Overseer Dr. Carrie K. Coppock, Pastor Grace Robinson, Evangelist Juanita Banner, Mrs. Theta (Jonny) Zeigler (Georgia). Many nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters and brothers in the Lord, his Church Family Kingdom Builders Ministry, and a host of friends, Preceding him in death were his brothers: Deacon Elijah, Clinton, Eugene, George and Isaiah DeLoach.

Elder Boykins will be missed by all, but never ever forgotten.

Order of Service

Bishop E. Crone, Presiding

Processional.....Organ Prelude

Hymn of Comfort..... “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

Scripture

Old Testament.....Elder Gilbert White Sr. Gethsemane COGIC

New Testament..... Bishop Timothy Griffin, St. Paul SOP

Prayer of Comfort.....Dr. C.H Evans, Smith Memorial COGIC

Remarks by Clergy

PAW Officials:

Bishop Edgar Robinson

Bishop Leo Smith

Bishop Allen

Bishop Ronny Amos, State Bishop

Pastor Horn

Selection..... Elder Eric Hayes

Special Remarks General Motors Coworker

Family Tribute..... Brothers & Sisters
Grandchildren

Selection

Family Tribute.....Sons

Resolution/ Obituary.....Evng. Dorris Rangin

Selection..... Evng. Betty Horton

Eulogy..... Elder L. Kornegay
Living Waters New Life Ministry

Recessional.....Organ Postlude

ENTOMBMENT

Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey

Psalm 23

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He
restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path
of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea,
though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou
art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they
comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies. Thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth
over. Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life; and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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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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