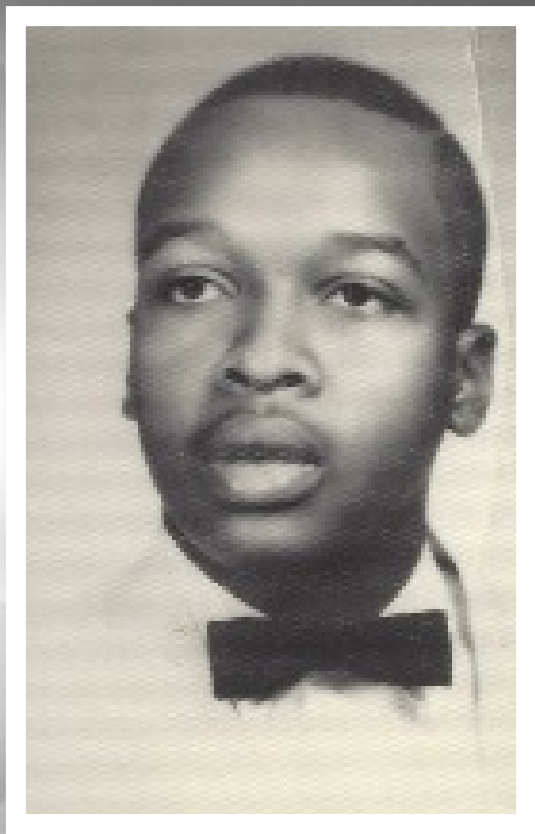


In Loving Memory of
Julius Edwin Blanton II

Sunrise
December 23, 1946

Sunset
May 7, 2018



Saturday, May 19, 2018- 1:00 p.m.

Woody “Home For Services”

163 Oakwood Avenue

Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. Leon Porter, Sr., Officiating

Obituary

Julius Edwin Blanton II was born on December 23, 1946 in Ferriday, Louisiana to the late Julius and Wihelmina Blanton. Julius' early years of life and education were in Vidalia, Louisiana where he attended Sevier Rosenwald Elementary School. As an eighth grader he was awarded "1st Chair" Alto Saxophonist in the High School band after he demonstrated a very unique musical talent far above all other high school Musicians.

In 1962 the family moved to Bristol, PA where he graduated from Delhaas High School in 1965. He was one of the first African American students to be awarded a State of PA Senatorial Scholarship for postsecondary education. Julius continued his studies at Lincoln University earning a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and a Masters of Urban Education from the State University of New York at Geneseo.

Julius dedicated over 25 years of his life as the Executive Director of the Protestant Community Services (Friendly Fuild Neighborhood Center Inc.). He was very instrumental in fostering and nurturing the growth of youth and young adults in Newark, New Jersey. Julius understood that these children and young adults needed love, structure, education, mentoring, and positive experiences. He was able to gain partnerships with organizations that provided funding for camps and group outings which some were educational and some were for fun. He also was able to obtain funding for young adults to receive job training skills. Julius was a pillar in the community with his selfless compassion that these children and young adults are afforded opportunities that would allow them to soar in their life.

Julius has received an abundance of awards and citations. There is one that stands out from them all. In 1998 Julius was awarded the Spirit of Excellence Award. This award was recognizing individuals in the community that were selfless in helping others.

He was a selfless crusader in uplifting the lives of African American children and young adults.

Julius was the loving father of Karima Blanton-Howard (Jerry), Ayana Blanton-Gray (Samuel) and Angela Blanton. He is the beloved ex-husband of Paula Blanton. Dear brother of Everett Blanton, Lloyd Blanton, and Kevin Blanton (Hope). Loving Grandfather of Asia Knight, Raynell Knight, Keyonna Watson, Jahlil Watson, Julian Gray, Justin Gray, Jalen Gray, Laurin Cordero, Jayson Gray and Jemeriqua Howard. Loving Uncle of Lamar Blanton (Nicole), Lexi Hayes and Maurice Blanton Jr. He is also survived by a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Julius's greatest passions were his grandchildren. You could always depend on him to be front and center at all events that involved his grandchildren. He enjoyed hanging out at sporting events, at their home or during any family social events.

Our dad lived life to the fullest and will be greatly missed.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection

“A Conversation with Daddy”.....Angela Blanton

“My Hero”.....Keyonna Watson

Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Lexi Hayes

Musical Interlude “The Family Gathering”

Musical Gathering

Obituary.....Monique Williams-Carthan

Musical Selection..... “Change Me”

“Homage to Daddy”.....Karima Blanton-Howard

Reflections and Remarks

Poem and Acknowledgements.....Carolyn Lucas Thrower

“See You Soon”-Musical Selection.....Jerry Howard and Lamar D. Blanton

Presentation of Urns.....Funeral Director (Karima, Ayana, Angela)

Celebration Musical Postlude

Recessional

Repast
Immediately following the services
family and friends are invited for a repast at
Southern Comfort Cafe
501 Central Avenue • Orange, New Jersey 07050

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 peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a hug, a kiss,
"Oh, yes, " these things I, too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I 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.

Lovingly Submitted by The Family

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Julius "Jules" Blanton II** wishes to express our heart-felt sincere gratitude for all the support, words of comfort, acts of kindness and expressions of love extended to us during our time of sorrow.*

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