

Celebrating a Life Well Lived
For
Curtis Witherspoon



*I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the
righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. Psalms 37:25*

Sunrise:
September 17, 1918

Sunset:
January 23, 2019

Service
Saturday, February 2, 2019 - 10:00am

Friendship Baptist Church
41 West 20th Street, Bayonne NJ
Rev. H. Gene Sykes -Pastor

Obituary

Deacon Curtis Witherspoon was born on September 17, 1918 in Richmond, Virginia to William and Lela Carter Witherspoon. He was the second child of three children.

Deacon Witherspoon attended the Public Schools of Lynchburg, South Carolina. At the age of sixteen he moved to Bayonne, NJ and graduated from Bayonne High School. Deacon Witherspoon served his country with honor and valor as a member of the United States Navy during World War II, doing most of his tour of duty in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Deacon Witherspoon held several employment positions retiring from Mobay Chemicals, Bayonne, NJ. He learned the skills of Cabinet Making and Upholstery. For more than six decades Deacon Witherspoon has given generously of his time, energy and resources to Friendship Baptist Church in many ways as a Trustee and Deacon Emeritus.

Deacon Witherspoon was honored as Man of the Year on Sunday November 14, 2010 in recognition of his outstanding service to his fellow citizens and longtime spiritual involvement in his Church, receiving a New Jersey State Senate Resolution presented by Senator Sandra Cunningham.

Recognized with an array of awards and honors, Deacon Witherspoon has displayed his public spirit through his dedication and commitment to V.F.W Flourney-Gethers Post No. 7470. Serving as Post Commander from 1954-1956. He was honored to be selected as Co-Grand Marshall for a Memorial Day Parade.

Other affiliations include the Bayonne Branch of the NAACP where he held the office of Second Vice President. He was a Charter Member and Past Master of Omega Lodge No. 64 F & A.M.P.H.A. and also served in many other capacities. Past Master Witherspoon was honored at the Grand Convocation on June 24, 2017 for 65 years in Masonry, by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey, under the leadership of MW Sheldon J. Prescott Grand Master. He was also a Charter Member of Omega Chapter No. 60 O.E.S.P.H.A He was the First Patron and served as Patron for six more terms.

Deacon Witherspoon's resolute trust in God was evident as he silently answered His call from labor to reward on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at Trinitas Medical Center in Elizabeth, NJ. A celebration of his Victory in Jesus takes place as he joins his parents, brothers William and Floyd who preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of thirty years, Janet L. Witherspoon, two nephews, Ronald W. (MaryEtta) Witherspoon and family; William H. (Kim) Witherspoon and family; Grandnephew, James LaMont Witherspoon; Grandniece, Stephanie (Dorian) Green and family; two Sister-in-laws Helen Grant and family and Juanita Bright and family; Cousins Julia Mae Smith, Helena Carter, Sharon Rutgers and Cynthia Bryant. Extended family, Reverend Anthony and Colleen Ferguson; Ernestina and Bernard McCullers; Jill Ange Cleveland and family; Reverend Alfredo and Lajuana Archibald and family; Dannis and China Dublin and family; Deacons Eric and Nashelle Dukes and family; Russell Shepard a longtime friend and many other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional.....Clergy

Invocation.....Rev. H. Gene Sykes

Hymn.....Congregation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 37:23-31 Pastor Alfredo E. Achibald

New Testament - Ephesians 3:14-21 First Lady Lajuana Archibald

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon A. C. Worrell

Musical Selection.....(Choir)

Acknowledgements/Resolutions.....(Church Clerk)

Reading of the Obituary.....Deacon Nashelle N. Dukes

Musical Selection.....(Choir)

Ministry of The Word.....Rev. H. Gene Sykes

Recessional.....Clergy, Family & Friends

Interment.....Tuesday, February 5, 2019 - 11:00 am

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

350 Provinceline Road, Wrightstown NJ

Repast to be served at the
Masonic Lodge following Funeral Service



“The Fallen Limb”

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, “Grieve not for me”.
Remember the times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I’m counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don’t worry about falls.
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we’re together again
- Unknown*



In Appreciation

The family would like to take this opportunity to extend their sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended to them during their hour of bereavement. May God bless you and keep each one of you in His loving care.

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