

*In Loving Memory  
Of  
Jerome Dewey Matthews*



*Sunrise: May 29, 1936 | Sunset: January 21, 2019*

*Celebration of Life Memorial | February 11, 2019 - 11:00 am*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey 07112

# *Order of Service*

Pictorial Prelude.....Music and Pictures

Processional .....Clergy and Family

Selection.... “What a Friend we have in Jesus” - Congregational

Prayer of Comfort.....Lady Ruth McQueen

Scripture.....Psalm 23

Tributes ....Children, Family and Friends (Two minutes, please)

Poem: “The Chain Will Link Again” .....Genevieve Lowery

Obituary.....Genevieve Lowery

Eulogy.....Bishop Stacy McQueen

Acknowledgements.....Genevieve Lowery

Benediction

## **Repast**

The Home of Mickey Chambers  
39 Eastern Parkway, Hillside NJ 07205

# Obituary

**Jerome Dewey Matthews** was born on Friday - May 29, 1936 in Newark, New Jersey to the late James Dewey Jackson and Ludraine Love Jackson. Jerome departed this life on January 21, 2019.

Jerome attended grade school and High School in Newark New Jersey. At the age of nineteen, Jerome enlisted in the United States Air Force on April 12, 1955 as a Basic Airman. He had a love for the Electrical Engineering and trained accordingly while in the Military. He also received a Good Conduct Medal and an Air Force Longevity Service Award.

As he navigated his chartered course of life, he met and married Eunice C. McQueen in March 1957 and from this union had three children, the late Erwin J. Matthews, Stephanie Brown and Steven Matthews-Jackson. He honorably discharged after a Four Year term on October 11, 1959.

Jerome had a thirst to continue his education and build on the electrical engineering foundation that he began in USAF. He enrolled in Essex County College and successfully completed his Associates Degree in Electrical Engineering.

Simultaneously, he began working with major companies such as Bendix and Picker International Corporation that produced and serviced x-ray and other radiology equipment.

Over the span of approximately twenty plus years, Jerome continued to grow professionally and took an active role within the community in which he lived. He worked with political figures in the Newark, NJ area to bring the first Pharmacy to the Neighborhood grocery store Pathmark on Lyons Avenue in Newark. He also helped formulate and became the president the Dewey Street Block Association where the members worked to fight crime and maintain safety for families living in the area.

The next and final decades of Jerome's life was united in marriage to Muriel D. Wilson on February 14, 1984. Within this union they raised Donita A Wilson, a bright, energetic and now modern day professional. During this time, Jerome continued to work in his career. Although retirement became a reality, he dedicated himself to yet a new career, Tax Preparation.

Jerome leaves to cherish his memory his wife: Muriel D. Matthews, Four children: Late Erwin J. Matthews, Stephanie Brown, Steven Matthews-Jackson and Donita Furlough. Two grandchildren, Brian Igus and Lavon Brown. Two brothers: John Neal Jr., and Ronald (Edeltrud) Jackson. Four Sisters: Francis Jackson, Julia White, Jeannette (Robert) Chambers and Mary Jackson-Pierre. His mother-in-law, Queen Williams and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

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# *The Chain will Link Again*

Little did we know that evening,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
You did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
You are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.  
..Author Unknown....

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Jerome Dewey Matthews would like to sincerely thank each and every one who extended love and kindness in any form during our time of bereavement.

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