

Celebrating the Life of



Edwina Hale

Sunrise
October 13, 1932

Sunset
April 19, 2019

Service:
Thursday, April 25, 2019 - 11:00 am

First Hopewell Baptist Church

525 Orange St, Newark, NJ 07107

Rev. Onaje L.A. Crawford, Pastor

Obituary

Edwina Johnson Hale, daughter of the late Edward and Nellie Johnson was born on October 13, 1932 in Newark, New Jersey. She was born into a christian family and accepted Christ at an early age at Hopewell Baptist Church under Rev. Borders.

After Edwina graduated from South Side High School, she married the late Samuel R. Manigault and later married the late James Mason, Sr. out of which she gave birth to the loves of her life, Samuel Maurice Manigault, Alice Mason Nowlin (deceased) and James Mason Jr.

Edwina worked thirty-four years in various federal government agencies and positions always taking classes to improve her skills, abilities and qualifications that allowed her to rise from her initial stenographer position at the US Air Force in Newark to become a GS 15 Director of Personnel/ Operation for the United States Marshals in Washington DC and finally as Personnel Evaluator at the US Department of Justice in Washington DC where she served until her retirement in 1987. In her last government position, she was one of four individuals to receive the Superior Performance Award from Griffin Bull, Attorney General of the United States.

Upon her return to New Jersey, Edwina reunited with First Hopewell Baptist Church. She served many years as the Coordinator of the First Hopewell Food Pantry Ministry and spent most of her spare hours visiting and calling the sick and shut-in.

Edwina leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Sinclair S. Hale; her sons, Samuel M. Manigault (Sheila) and James Mason, Jr. (Angela); grandchildren, Dr. Simone Manigault, Keisha Mason, Shannon Manigault, David Nowlin, Jr., Lavelle Nowlin, James Mason III, Michael Marable, Zane Byrd; sister, Carolyn Hamler (Forest); fifteen great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer

Solo
Kevin Revees

Obituary & Acknowledgments

Remarks

Solo
Kevin Revees

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

The Last Request

*Please don't say I gave up, just say that I gave in,
Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win;
Please don't say how good I was, but say I did my best.
Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, not less;*

*Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do;
I want no more than I deserve, no extra, just my due.
Please don't give me flowers or talk in real hushed tones.
Don't be concerned about me now,
I'm well with God, I've made it home.*

*Don't talk about what I could have done, it's over and it's done.
Just see to all my family's needs, especially the little ones.
When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint.
I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all the colors
you can paint.*

*Not just bright and light tones, use some gray and dark;
In fact don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart.
Don't just remember the good times ...but remember all the bad;
But if you must do something, then I have one request.
Forgive me for any wrong I've done, and with the love that's left,
Thank God for my soul's resting, thank God for I've been blessed,
Thank God for all who loved me, praise God who loves me best!*

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Edwina Hale** wishes to express their sincere thanks
and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of
sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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