

**THE HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR  
ERNEST LIVINGSTON BLACK**

**SUNRISE: OCTOBER 24, 1938**

**SUNSET: AUGUST 5, 2019**



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019**

**12:00 Noon**

**Saint Luke AME Church**

**146-156 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07114**

**Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Hooper**

**Senior Pastor**

# Obituary

## THE ROAD TO GLORY

*God saw the road was getting rough, the hills were hard to climb;  
he gently closed those loving eyes and whispered "peace be thine"  
The weary hours, the days of pain. The sleepless nights are all passed,  
the ever patient worn out frame has found sweet rest at last.*

**Ernest Livingston Black (Ernie)** embarked on the road to glory in Bascom, Florida the Neals Landing Community on October 24, 1938. Ernie is the last of ten siblings born to the union of the late John and Pearl Black. Ernie was reared in a family of faith. He had to attend church, participate, and he was taught to be kind and respect others. Ernie accepted the Lord as his personal savior at an early age at Shiloh AME Church in Bascom, Florida. He attended elementary and Junior High in segregated schools where he was found to be a studious student and was encouraged not to set limitations for himself. Therefore, after Junior High school, he joined family members in Newark, New Jersey to attend integrated schools. He graduated from C & T High School in Newark.

Ernie loved to travel and explore, thus he pondered where should I go from here? So, it was "Go West Young Man Go West! He set his sights on Los Angeles to further his education and where he had a sister and family. He enrolled in Los Angeles Liberal Arts College and worked after school at the largest public library in Los Angeles. Upon graduating from college, he returned to New Jersey to be with his aging parents and complete his advanced studies. He joined Saint Luke AME Church in 1954 to be with his parents, sister and her husband. Ernie became involved in various church activities and roles. This is where he met his to be wife Mary Jackson and they were later married. He found joy serving at Saint Luke AME Church where he was proclaimed as one of Saint Luke's Legends (11-4-2006).

Ernie was an educator until he retired from New Jersey's Public Schools District. His adage, was "those who dare to teach shall never cease to learn". Even though he loved life, he was a no-nonsense person who was admired and respected by his colleagues and students. Ernie was very sociable, enjoyed family gatherings, gardening (loved flowers), traveling and singing. He continued faithful service until he ended his road to glory.

He leaves to cherish his memories brother Amos Lewis Black, New Jersey and his sister Rutha Doris Bowers (Andrew) Los Angeles, California and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends too numerous to name individually. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Pearl Black; brothers John Willie, Ulysses, and Raymond Black. Sisters Marguree Black-Filmore; Catherine Black-Bratcher, Julia Black -Martin, and Gertrude Black.

# Order Service

Gathering Music

Organist.....Deacon LeRoy Smith

Processional.....“Soon and Very Soon”

Opening Hymn..... St. Luke AMEC Mass Choir

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Hooper

Scriptures .....Evangelist Dr. Louise Ragin

\*\* Old Testament: Psalm 23

\*\* New Testament: John 14: 1-6

Acknowledgements..... Betty Gray, Niece--Fords, New Jersey

Resolutions

Musical Selection.....St. Luke AMEC Mass Choir

Family Tribute: .....Dr. Edna Burems, Niece-- Los Angeles

Church: ..... Brother Willie Ross

Remarks: .....(2 minutes, please)

Reading of the Obituary .....Patricia Williams, Niece --Greenwood, Florida

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Hooper

Benediction

Recessional.....“Going Up Yonder “

**Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

**Repast**

**(AT THE CHURCH)**

**The family invites you to join them following the interment**

**for a time of fellowship and thanksgiving at**

**Saint Luke AME Church**

**146-156 Clinton Avenue**

**Newark, New Jersey 07114**

## TRIBUTES

To my brother Ernest, we shared a life- time of memories together which is more than most can say. I am very proud of your accomplishments. You treat people right and you were always there for me and my children. You are the younger brother that I looked up to and wanted to follow in your foot- steps. Gonna miss you, seeing you sing solos and our conversations.

I know I will see you again!

Love Your brother, Louis

Irvington, NJ



My brother and my best friend.  
It feels as if a part of me is missing.  
No more two- hour conversations  
talking about everything and anything.  
Thanks for listening to me play a song on the  
piano for you and you told me all my mistakes.  
I always knew you had my back if need be.  
I'll see you at the heavenly family reunion  
Your Sister, Rutha Doris,  
Los Angeles, CA



Thanks cousin!  
for taking time to reach out to me  
and believing in right and wrong.  
Cynthia Black,  
Jacksonville, Florida



Brother-in Love you will be missed.  
I will miss our debates on different subjects  
And the good times we had together.

You were like a brother to me!

Andrew Bowers,

Los Angeles, CA



Uncle Ernest you were the best!!  
Love you and missing you.  
Your Niece, Frankie Jean,  
Dothan, AL



Little did we know, that God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.  
It broke my heart to lose you, you did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.  
You have left us peaceful memories, your love is still  
our guide, and though 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.

Love Adrienne, Great Niece  
Los Angeles, CA



A Tribute to my friend Ernie

For nearly 60 years we have shared so much: same teachers' College,  
same school district for teaching, long long phone and in person chats,  
riding to work together on snowy days, followed by dinner at my parents'  
home and many other adventures reflecting our common interest on  
both the east and west coast.

Oh, so many pleasant memories!!! How I have enjoyed our wonderful  
friendship!!! You influenced so many lives. Your faith has guided you  
into God's arms!!! Rest comfortably there, my friend!! I do hope we will  
meet again and continue where we left off just a few short weeks ago  
with our chat that gave me, as usual, great advice!

Love and Hugs,  
Miss Wilson

# Family Tributes To Uncle Ernie

## A Man of Faith

Jeremiah 29:11 (Beverly)

*“For I know the plans I have for you,”  
declares the LORD, “Plans to prosper  
you and not to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future”*

2 Timothy 4:7 (Gene)

*“I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”*

A Man Faithful In Service

Matthew 25:40 (Rochelle “Shirley”)

*The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one  
of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*

1 Corinthians 14:40 (Angel)

*“Let all things be done decently and in order.”*

Grace

Hebrews 4:16 (Delois)

*“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence,  
So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us  
in our time of need.”*

James 4:6 (Marilyn)

But he gives us more grace. That is why the Scripture says:  
*“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”*







**Active Pallbearers**

Keion Andrew                      Brandon Black  
Calum Black                        Shawn Black  
Gerald Washington                Alfred Wright

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Amos Louis Black                L C Black  
Robert Brown                     Frank Dickens  
Eugene Grimsely                Albert Tommy Holton  
Miles Jennings                 Melvin Toran  
Jimmy Williams

***“Remember me with smiles  
and laughter,  
for that’s the way I will  
remember you all.  
If you have to remember  
me with tears,  
then don’t remember me at all”***

**Family Acknowledgements**

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 that any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever part.

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The Family of the late Ernest Livingston Black gratefully acknowledges, with appreciation and heartfelt thanks, the numerous expressions of kindness, and your loving presence. Your love and support have been a blessing and a source of strength during our time of bereavement.

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