

Homegoing Service
For
Mr. William Reginald Monroe



April 2, 1920 - August 17, 2019

Service
Saturday, August 24, 2019

MARTIN'S HOME FOR SERVICE
48 Elm Street • Montclair, New Jersey
Officiating: Rev. Dr. Campbell B Singleton III

Obituary

My name is **William Reginald Monroe**. I was born April 2, 1920 I was educated in the Montclair school system. I graduated in 1939 I worked as an Errand boy for South End delicatessen until I was drafted . I went to Fort Dix, then to Fort Monmouth then to Fort Belvar, Virginia where I got my major training. On to Camp Claiborne in Louisiana, then to Camp Shanks in New York .

I boarded the Queen Mary on my way to England —crossing the Atlantic was the worst experience because we lost lifeboats & handrails!! I became a Sergeant while in England—We were almost intercepted—in English waters, where several German submarines tried to intercept us, but we tricked them!! We went to Gourock, Scotland!

We took a train to England —it's the southern part called Lands End. My officers: Capt Maxwell, Major Orr, Master Sgt Charles P Gibson and Lieutenant William C Washburn —who was directly over me —saw that I had a brain of intelligence and they promoted me to company clerk!

One while in France, a French lady took me to Paris, where I saw Josephine Baker, Maurice Chevalier, Charlie Chaplin, & Felix the Cat. I saw the L'Arc de Triumphe, Notre Dame, and the Eiffel Tower.

We kept pushing the Germans back farther and farther; in the meantime, I became friendly at that time, with the Mayor of Sainte-Mere-Eglise.

I had an experience in meeting General Charles de Gaulle: one on one —where we drank 1925 champagne and talked together in fluid French —which I learned in Montclair HS as a teen!!

We kept pushing Germans back to Germany, and in Belgium I suffered frostbitten hands or feet! It was so cold —nothing was flying in the air!! Finally, Allied planes came over and dropped supplies!

Would you believe nobody was shooting out anybody?! Americans AND Germans rushed out to the supplies, so that they could survive —Germans and Americans alike! We scrambled out together to get those supplies!!

The war finally ended; I came down the Mediterranean Sea with Africa on 1 side and Spain on the other into the Caribbean. I encountered the Sargasso Sea, where seaweed would float on top of the water. In it were sharks, turtles, fish, and sea snakes —and then on to Hawaii!

Oh and finally I saw 2 whales that were swimming together. I arrived at the Philippines! Harry Truman dropped the atomic bomb, and that was the end of war. I spent a short time in Philippines. We were on the way to Japan, but they surrendered. I got on an airplane to come back to the US.

I had a craving for commercial photography! I became a photographer with a studio; later I met and married Esther Wood. Later, I did plastering and much later, I was an insurance agent for several companies.

We had two children Michelle Regina and William Radcliffe. For some reason unknown to me we did not get along too well and I divorced Esther later.

I met and married Frances Bell. We had lovely times together. She passed away first.

I want to especially thank my daughter Michelle and my son Radcliffe! Thanks to Yolanda Goode —my step-granddaughter —I don't want you forgotten.

I want to Thank You, members of the Union Baptist Church in their concern for me !

I also want to thank Alexandra Charles for all she has done in my behalf! TY and GOODBYE!

I was a lifelong member of the American Legion & the NAACP. I am proud that I voted in Barack Obama to become President of the USA.

I believe I have reached the end of my obituary. God Bless each and everyone of you —my children, aunts, uncles, relatives & friends THANK YOU!

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Rev. Dr. Campbell B. Singleton, Senior Pastor

Liturgist & Eulogist: Rev. Dr. Campbell B. Singleton, III

The Order of Service

The Prelude

The Viewing

Call To Gather

The Invocation

The Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14: 1- 6

The Prayer of Comfort

Solo.....“In the Upper Room” - Kevin Johnson

Remarks on Behalf of Family.....Deacon Tyrone Williams

Acknowledgement and Obituary

The Message.....Rev. Dr. Campbell B. Singleton, III
"Ninety Nine and A Half Will Do!" My texts are Psalm 116:15 and Psalm 91.6.

The Invitation to Discipleship

The Closing Prayer

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn.....“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand” - Kevin Johnson

Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
Wrightstown. N.J.



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 up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, 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!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of **William Reginald Monroe** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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