

*In Loving Memory
of*



Eric Stanley Young

Sunrise
July 8, 1958

Sunset
August 2, 2019

Service

Thursday, September 12, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating

Walt Sorey, Organist



Obituary

Master Sergeant Eric Stanley Young fell asleep in death unexpectedly on August 2, 2019 in California. He was 61 years old. He was affectionately known to his family as Stanley and his nieces and nephews as Uncle Stanley. Eric was born on July 8, 1958 in Raleigh, North Carolina to Otis Young and Christine Hawkins-Young. Eric graduated from Plainfield High School in NJ and shortly thereafter, was enlisted into The United States Air Force.

He served honorably as an Aircraft Electrical and Environmental Systems Craftsman and would go on to retire after 24 years as a Master Sergeant. He holds a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering and earned a slew of decorations while in the United States Airforce including the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship and the Overseas Long Tour Ribbons. Eric received the Longevity Service Award along with medals for National Defense Service, Achievement and Commendation...just to name a few. He also continued his education while serving his country.

As a civilian for ten years until his death, Eric continued his love for the Air Force by working as an Electronics Technician for the 412th Aircraft Instrumentation Test Squadron (412 MXIS) at Edwards Air Force Base in California. He was assigned to the flight test activities at the 416th Combined Test Force (CTF) and was responsible for the ongoing test efforts on the F-16 Fighting Falcon. While there he was directly responsible to the success of the F-16 Mid Life Update (MLU), integration of the AIM-9X missile, Software Change Update (SCU)-9, and the upgrade of the data acquisition system for Block-40/50 aircraft. He was called upon to move to the front office administrative staff by Senior leadership to help support the rollout of a new tool control software/hardware effort, revamp the ground safety and airfield driver's management program. During all this, Eric somehow found the time to become an Adjunct Professor at Antelope Valley College teaching Math.

Eric loved life, his career and his family. He loved anything that had to do with the Air Force and would always share photos and videos of different air crafts and space shuttles. He was so thrilled last year about the filming of part of the Captain Marvel movie at the base where he worked. Eric was very handsome, intelligent, funny, loved a good debate and loved joking around. He enjoyed traveling, teaching, listening to good music and the Arts. He was passionate about eating good food and was one hell of a cook...always sharing his recipes. He really loved watching Tennis and of course his favorite girl, Serena Williams. He delighted in being part of the Family Group Chat where many conversations and laughs took place. Eric was also a very loving and caring individual and was always willing to help out families in need. Although he resided in California, he kept in contact weekly with his sisters and other family members, for hours over the phone.

Eric Stanley Young lived a full life that was cut short and will be sorely missed. Preceding him in death were his parents, his brother Otis Young Jr., and his sisters Betty Young and Brenda Young-Donaldson. He leaves to cherish his memories: two sisters, Alice Young of Somers Point, NJ and Fernita Young of Philadelphia, PA; his Uncle (Harold Young Jr.) of Newark, NJ, several nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and friends.

HIS JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN

Don't think of him as gone away his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness can really pass away.

And think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost and he was loved so much.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

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Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Edward Allen

Recessional

INTERMENT

Washington Crossing National Cemetery

Newtown, Philadelphia



*In Loving Memory of My Brother
If Roses Grow in Heaven*

If roses grow in Heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my brother's arms
and tell him they're from me.

Tell him that I love him and miss him,
and when he turns to smile,
place a kiss upon his cheek
and hold him for awhile.

Because remembering him is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.

Acknowledgement

The family of **Eric Stanley Young** 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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