

In Celebration of
Bennie Earl Chestnut Sr.
August 12, 1947-October 30, 2019



Service
Saturday, November 9, 2019 -10:00 am
Good Neighbor Baptist Church
100 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, NJ
Rev. Dr. George A Blackwell III-Pastor

Obituary

Bennie Earl Chestnut was born on August 12th, 1947 to the late Haul and Pauline Artis Chestnut in Wilson, NC. He was educated in Wilson County Public Schools and graduated from Frederick Douglas High School in Elm City, NC.

After graduating from high school, Earl moved to Newark, New Jersey. On August 30, 1969, he married his wife Minister Mary Fewell Chestnut. He worked at Hatfield Wire and Cable Company for many years, then worked at Gamarel Electric Supply Company, in Hillside, New Jersey as a packer for several years, until he went on permanent disability due to a back issue.

During his youth, he attended St. Paul Church of Christ, Black Creek, NC. Later in life he attended Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. He loved quartet groups such as the Mighty Clouds of Joy, Willie Neal Johnson and The Gospel Keynotes.

Bennie loved basketball, football and baseball – was a New York Knicks and New York Giants fan. If you called, for sure he would talk in depth to you about politics, the state of the world and his grandchildren. You could find him either in the front or back of his home cleaning either leaves, shoveling snow, sweeping and listening to his police scanner which he kept in his side pockets at all times – he was aware of all crimes, fires and accidents in all towns.

Left to cherish his memories are his wife Minister Mary Chestnut, son Bennie Earl Chestnut, Jr. and daughter Quennetta Chestnut, grandchildren Dazare Fortune and Nameisha Chestnut, brother James Chestnut (Hazel), sisters Laverne Baker (Eugene), Mary Deloris Best and Jerneice Lane; sister-in-law Bobby Jean Fewell; goddaughter Simena Franklin; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

The Processional

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament Rev. Marcus Johnson

The New Testament Pastor Brenda Chestnut-Young

Prayer of ComfortRev. Lecarston Chestnut, Jr.

SelectionGood Neighbor Baptist Church Choir

Acknowledgements/obituary.....Gloria Robinson

Remarks(2 Minutes)

SoloKhadijah Harris

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. George A. Blackwell, III

Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Interment

Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey



"A Much Loved Grandpa"

*The Day That God called your name
I just wish he could have waited
And let you stay with me
But you have left memories in my heart
And that's where they'll always be
I just wish I could rewind the clock
Or make it turn real slow
I could have hugged you one more time
Before you had to go
No matter how much time will pass
I'll miss you everyday
Keep shining bright in heaven
So you can light my way
It broke my heart in two
But heaven needed an angel
And the one he picked was you*



Acknowledgement

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 as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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