



In Loving Memory of
Douglas (Doug) Owen Ellerbe

Sunrise
May 3, 1952

Sunset
November 28, 2019

Service

Saturday, December 7, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.

Christian Pentecostal Church
971 Clinton Avenue • Irvington, NJ 07111
Rev. Dr. Michael A. Lester, Sr., Officiating
Pastor Jerry Smith



Obituary

On Thursday November 28, 2019 Douglas Owen Ellerbe of South Orange, NJ passed away peacefully at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, NJ.

Douglas was born on May 3, 1952 at Sydenham Hospital, New York city. He was the first of three children born to the late James Wesley Ellerbe and Delores Tempie Moore-Ellerbe. One year later, in 1953 sister Donna Lynne arrived; in 1955 littler sister Phyllis Yvette was born.

Douglas was educated in the Bronx and Brooklyn school districts where he attended classes for intellectually gifted children and skipped the fifth grade. He attended Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn, NY where he was a Merit Scholar, and graduated in 1969. At the age of 17, Douglas received a full scholarship to the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1969. An avid sportsman, he especially loved playing basketball and football in the local parks. As a child, Douglas loved to assemble model airplanes and trains. He also played the trombone. He enjoyed picking up Shondell on weekends and spending time with him.

Douglas attended Grace Reformed Sunday School in Bronx, NY. He was an avid reader and would read anything in print – newspapers, magazines, cereal boxes, and of course, comic books. He was also a fan of mystery novels, which he would read in one day. Douglas also loved watching movies, boxing, basketball and football. Unfortunately, he was a lifelong Knicks fan and a Giants fan! During his teen years, Douglas was a member of the Boy Scouts of America where he received several merit badges, and was featured in the 1965 fall issue of Jet Magazine.

In 1986 Douglas met his wife Janice at Rutgers University-Newark where they had two classes together: Applied Research Business Methods and Computer Science. Douglas would skip Applied Research Business Methods class often to study for his computer classes, and Janice would take notes for him. In exchange he would tutor Janice in college Algebra. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science.

Douglas and Janice dated continuously for six months and on July 2, 1987 they eloped to Reno Nevada and united in holy matrimony at the Silver Bells Chapel. They honeymooned at the Grand Bally's hotel and enjoyed a boat cruise and sightseeing in Lake Tahoe.

To this union were born two sons: Dorian Owen and Charles Wesley. They moved to South Orange in 1991 when Dorian was three and Charles was just born. Dorian was eager to be a big brother and Charles was just as eager to follow his big brother's lead. As the boys grew in age, Douglas enrolled them in a variety of sports, including Pop Warner football, soccer and track, in which he actively participated as a parent volunteer. Traveling with the Jaguar Track team became our family vacations.

In 1984 Douglas began his career as a Chemist for Hartz Mountain in Harrison, NJ. Ten years later, he worked as a computer contractor for Lucent Technologies, Parsippany, NJ. He also held several contractor jobs, before joining AT&T in Middletown, NJ, 1995. He began his career as a computer programmer and was promoted two times to a Systems Architecture Engineer. He received several awards and recognitions and quickly became known as the go-to expert in his department. He developed a special relationship with many members on his team. In April 2018 Douglas retired from AT&T.

Douglas took great pride and enjoyment in sharing his worldly goods as well as his wide breadth of knowledge with family and friends. Douglas had a strong sense of family commitment, protectiveness, and leadership from an early age. Almost every weekend at the age of 9, he would take his two sisters by subway, to Grandma Flossie’s house in Manhattan, from Brooklyn.

He was very generous, and always looked forward to attending the annual McLee family reunions where he developed special relationships with Janices’ family, and he loved to eat our delicious homemade soul food (in his words)!

Douglas leaves to cherish his memory his wife of thirty-two years, Janice, three sons: Shondell, Dorian and Charles; mother Delores Johnson, two sisters Donna Anderson and Phyllis Stevenson, two grandchildren Tatyana and Darien; three nieces Tempie Joy Bradley (LaMarshall), Suzette Mason (Craig), and Nikki; three nephews Allen, Jason, and Terrance; three great nephews: Rodney, Braylen, Majah, three great nieces: Felicity, Sienna, Malayah; and his Godmother Alma Quinn.

Order of Service

- Processional.....Clergy, Family
- Scripture Readings.....Clergy
- Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Michael A. Lester, Sr.
- Musical Selection.....“The Lord’s Prayer”
Ms. Laraine Daniels
- Acknowledgements/Condolences.....Ms. Anya Christie
- Obituary.....Ms. Ingrid Williams
- Reflections (*2 minutes or less*).....Family, Friends
- Musical Selection.....“Precious Lord Take My Hand”
Mrs. Cheryl Bellamy
- Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Michael A. Lester, Sr.
- Closing Song.....“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”
Organist
- Recessional.....Clergy, Family & Friends

Interment
 Rosedale Cemetery
 350 East Linden Avenue
 Linden, New Jersey 07036

Repast
 Appian Way
 619 Langdon Street
 Orange, New Jersey 07050



For A Strong Dad

*Strong to the very end
he was my best friend
always ready to help me
he fiercely loved his family
he stood tall and sure
he helped me mature
his strength and his love for me
will remain part of his legacy*



Pallbearers

*Charles Ellerbe • Allen Wells • Michael Chambers • Terrence Newby
Will Turner • Aaron Bryan • Corey Alexander*

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Doug Ellerbe** would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support, and their presence during this difficult time. Our strength to endure has been bolstered by your constant prayers and faith in God. A special thanks to the Rev. Dr. Michael A. Lester, Sr. of White Rock Baptist Church, 1101 Chandler Avenue, Linden, NJ, Christian Pentecostal church, and the exceptional professional staff of Whigham Funeral Home, Newark NJ. May God continue to bless you and keep you in His care.*


~ The Ellerbe Family ~

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