

After Glow

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles
When day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering
Softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days,
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Oh happy memories that I leave behind
When day is done.*

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who
shared with them in this time of sorrow.
May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

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Celebration of Life For



Douglas Goodson Jr.

Sunrise: November 13, 1930

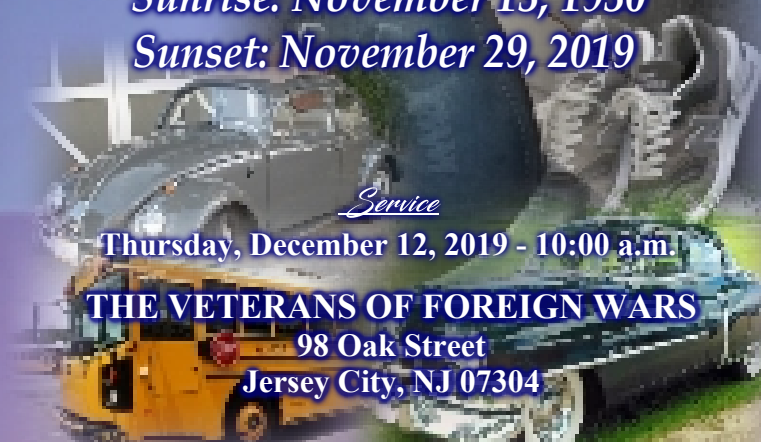
Sunset: November 29, 2019

Service

Thursday, December 12, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.

THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

**98 Oak Street
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*Those we love
don't go away,
they walk beside
us every day.
Unseen,
unheard, but
always near, so
loved, so missed,
so very dear.*



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Processional

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Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

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Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

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Eulogy

Recessional



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It was November 13th, 1930 in the City of Jersey City. It was on that day, Douglas Goodson Jr. would officially join earth's population. Douglas Jr. was the first born to Helene and Douglas Goodson Sr. Douglas entered the world during the harsh and hostile times of the thirties. He graduated from P.S. Grammar School 14, and would later earn his High School Diploma via Night School from Dickinson High School. Douglas once saw Duke Ellington perform Solo Piano at P.S. Grammar School 14.

Douglas entered the workforce at a young age and performed many odd tasks in an effort to contribute to the growing family of Helene and Douglas. Grandfather Goodson remarked with great pride that on many occasions, it was Jr's. earnings that put food on the table for the family. He possessed an enduring love for his Mother Helene, and once remarked that, "Helene was his first love." That enduring bond would keep him ever so close to Helene until her passing. Douglas was equally loyal to his Father, Douglas Sr. and commented that "Pop" took care of his family to the best of his ability.

Life changed for Douglas when the United States Marine Corps summoned his services. He was drafted at the age of 22 on March 19th, 1952 and was honorably discharged on November 18th, 1954. Douglas served with Oliver Nelson who penned the jazz standard, "Stolen Moments." During our many discussions, He once stated, "I left home a boy and returned a man." Douglas was an automobile mechanic by trade, but found employment with Western Electric. "He would punch the clock" as He stated at Western Electric for thirty years until the factory closed its doors in 1980. During those thirty years He would meet and marry Rosetta King. Their union would produce a son named Anthony.

Douglas was devoted to Rosetta and Anthony. As I always told anyone who inquired, "He was always there." Whether for Little League Baseball, Pop Warner Football, High School and College Basketball, He was always "there." After involuntary retirement from Western Electric, He quickly transitioned to Hudson County where He would drive a school bus for another twenty years.

Douglas was a humanitarian and gave of his time to many organizations and individuals. He served as the Scout Master for the Cub Scout's at Salem Baptist Church and also served as a Player Agent for The Greenville National Little League. He was a dedicated member of the Jersey City Branch of the VFW and was elated with the appointment of his Brother Tony to Commander of the Post. He was a Jazz Aficionado, enjoyed Westerns, and could be found sitting in the "situation room" watching his beloved Dallas Cowboys. Douglas would often reiterate to me on numerous occasions that two moments impacted his life the most. The first moment was when his Senior Officer informed him that his tour of duty was complete and the second moment was when He was notified that He was Father to a Boy named Anthony.

Douglas is predeceased by His Father Douglas Sr., Mother Helene, Sister's Marlene, and Elaine and Brother's Robert (Sonny) Cherry, Donald, and Ronald. He is survived by his Son, Anthony, Step Daughters Sandra and Gail, Sister's Helene, and Delores, and Brother's, Frederick, William, Dennis, and Tony, and Granddaughters Tracy and Shani.

John 3:16 states that, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Peace be with You Father as You transition into the next life!

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