

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Opening

Pastor Allen Simmons

## Call to Worship

Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-5

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:58

## Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Allen Simmons

## Music Selection

Timothy Rawls

## Obituary & Acknowledgments

Nikki, Tiffany, Jamal Hester

## Music Selection

Timothy Rawls

## Scripture (Psalms 23)

Pastor Allen Simmons

## Family Reflections

## Introduction of Praise Dance/African Dance

Tiffany Hester

## Praise Dance

Sa'Hura Hester

## Eulogy

Pastor Bell

## Song Selection (Family Prayer)

Hester Family Gospel Sisters

## Closing

## INTERMENT

Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey

## 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

*13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

*14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

*15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

*16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

*17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

*18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*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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## IN LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIAM

M. HESTER, SR.



Sunrise

February 14, 1946

Sunset

December 21, 2020

Tuesday, December 29, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

**Chapels of Eden Funeral Home**  
110 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07018  
Rev. Allen Simmons, Officiating  
Rev. Timothy Rawls, Organist



# OBITUARY

**William McKinley Hester** was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 21st, 2020 at the age of 74. William Hester was born in Durham, North Carolina to the late Mary and Limuel Hester.

Best known for his fun-loving spirit, light-hearted demeanor, and hardworking family man, William Hester loved to laugh and had an infectious way of bringing joy and humor to everyone he was around. He thrived in the outdoors; from amusement parks, fishing and grilling, to hitting the water on the beach. Everyone felt welcomed in his presence; kids of the community called him “Dad”.

From the age of 3, William began singing in the family choir. They traveled the east coast as the “Hester Family Gospel Singers”. The choir consisted of his Mother, Father, and a total of 11 brothers and sisters. He had a passion for sports that derived from his high school years of playing football, which influenced his children who became successful athletes. He was an encouraging father who always showed up to every sporting event and dance show, continuing to support his children and their teammates. William pursued culinary school at an early age where he found his calling for the art of cooking. He dedicated 35 years to Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, NJ, where he retired as a Head Chef. He took pride in giving back and sharing his gift to those patients in need. He was well liked by his co-workers and a great man to work with.

He leaves to cherish his memory with his 3 sons, William Hester Jr. and wife of 47 years Marquerette Byrd, Isadore Hester and wife Lynn Hester, and Jamal William Hester and wife Kimberly Hester, as well as 4 daughters; Shawn Kendall and husband Kenny Kendal, Tiffany Marquetta Hester, Andrea Nikki Hester and husband Lee Unal, and Marissa Thomas. William Hester is survived by 4 granddaughters: Treniece Watson, Brittany Kendall, Brianna Kendall, and Sa'Hura Hester, as well as 2 grandsons; Ken'sean Kendall, and Isadore Hester Jr. William Hester was blessed to have had 3 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends he deeply cherished.

More than anything, William loved his family dearly. He was a strong husband and devoted father; his commitment to them knew no bounds. He would do anything for the success and support of his children. Indeed, William will continue protecting his family from heaven. William was loved deeply and will be truly missed.

# PRECIOUS MEMORIES

