



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

THOMAS J. EAGLE

December 3, 1921 - February 18, 2021



MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

10:00 - 11:00 VIEWING

11:00 - 12:00 SERVICE

Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

OBITUARY

Thomas J. Eagle fondly known as “TJ” or “Eagle” born to Alonzo and Mary (Mincey) Eagle. Raised and educated in the rural segregated South of Metter, Georgia on a sharecropper’s farm. Upon reaching the age of draft status, he was drafted into the US Army during World War II Co. B 370th Infantry. His military occupation was Light Machine Gunner/ Combat Infantryman. During his WW II campaign he was wounded and received a purple heart, WW II Victory Medal , American Theater Ribbon and EAMET Service medal, he was honorably discharged December 13, 1945 at Camp Gordon Georgia.

Upon his return from the war, he married his wife, Lula M. Kirkland and from this union was born Thomas A. Eagle, Gail Eagle (G. Tahirah Sharif) and Norville Eagle (Sabir Muhammad). TJ was an exceptional auto mechanic and “Mr. Fixit”. TJ also worked as an electrician at the Excelsior Electric Company in Metter, Georgia. He was well known in Georgia for being the Best Game Hunter in the area and his name appeared on the wall of The Sportsmen’s club in Metter, Georgia for best fisherman and wild game.

In 1958, he moved his family to Newark, NJ where he became a longshoreman in local 1233 before the pre-automated era of Port Newark and retired March 1st 1988. After his retirement, his hobbies were enjoying his family, friends and neighbors, fishing, making homemade wines and sitting in his yard discussing worldly affairs. He also started to bake and create specialty dishes.

His pet peeve was non-productive individuals who he had fought racism, wars and help pave the way to make life better for his family and mankind. During his life he had encountered and stood toe- to- toe with the KKK in the South. His favorite quote was “If you don’t stand for something, you’ll fall for anything”.

Preceded him in death, his father and mother (Alonzo & Mary), his wife (Lula Mae), his son (Norville L. Eagle (Sabir Muhammad) and his beloved granddaughter (Yamin Sharif).

He leaves to celebrate his life and legacy , his son Thomas A. Eagle, daughter G. Tahirah Sharif, granddaughter Mumtahanah Muhammad (Akbar) great granddaughter Kamilah Z. Sharif, relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Remarks & Prayer of Comfort

Poem to be read & Acknowledgements

Remarks (2 minutes)

Obituary to be read

Closing Remarks & Prayer

INTERMENT

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey



Don't Think of Him as Gone Away

by Ellen Brenneman

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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