



Celebrating the Life of
William Floyd Edwards, Jr.

Sunrise
March 16, 1937

Sunset
May 9, 2021

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

I Am The Church of
The Living God Deliverance Temple

471 Morrissee Avenue, Ext. Haledon, NJ 07508

Pastor Floyd Parker, Sr., Pastor

Evangelist Patricia Parker, Presiding

Floyd Parker, Jr., Organist

Obituary

William Floyd Edwards, Jr. was born on March 16, 1937 in Southampton County, Virginia, to the late William Floyd Edwards, Sr. and Ruth Mae Edwards.

William, affectionately known as Floyd, moved to Alpoca, West Virginia with his mother and step father, the Rev. William H. Ricks when he was 3 years old.

Growing up, Floyd was a great worker around the house, and finding odd jobs while in school. He was educated in the Mullens, West Virginia School System, and graduated from Conley High School in 1958.

After working part time at Conley High School after graduation, he was proud to be the first person of color working at the local drive-in theater, operating the movie projector. He was employed by a sanitation company in Ridgewood, he was also employed by Cali Carting Company of Kearny, NJ. He loved baseball, and watching games with his mother and brother. He was a die-hard Dodgers fan. Floyd relocated to Paterson, NJ in 1960. He enjoyed fishing with his brother and friends. He loved music, and could be heard blocks away in his car playing Whitney Houston- Exhale (Shoop Shoop).

Floyd was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Mae (Edwards) Ricks; his stepfather, Rev. William H. Ricks; a brother, Richard Edwards; two sisters, Glennis Edwards and Martha Ricks.

William Floyd Edwards, Jr. went from labor to reward on Sunday afternoon, May 9, 2021 at home.

He leaves to cherish precious memories, his beloved wife, Mary (Miller) Edwards; a son, Vincent Edwards (Keisha); grandchildren, Colleen Camartie and DaShawn Camartie; great grandchildren, Liya, Isaiah, and Jasmine; four sisters, Hazel Moss, Margaret Ricks and Dorothy Moore of Paterson, NJ, and Irene Ricks of Rockaway, NJ; three brothers, James Ricks (Mittie) of Franklin, VA, Lonnie Ricks (Dollie) and Johnny Ricks (Marie) of Paterson, NJ; God daughters, Courtney Johnson, Kimmie Davenport, Tamela McNeil; sisters-in-law, Emma Cotton, Shelby Miller, Alice Fields, Pauline Brown; brother-in-law, Nathaniel Jackson (Maxine); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Order of Service

Evangelist Patricia Parker, Presiding

Processional

Selection

Min. Nathaniel Jackson

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalms 23

New Testament - John 14: 1-6

Prayer

Selection

Alice Veal

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. Kevin Jones, Pastor

Peterson Temple Ministries

Brooklyn, NY

Recessional

Pall Bearers

Vincent Edwards Daryl Miller

Timothy Dixon Ricky Dixon

Pastor Spruill



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a
loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time
seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with
undue grief.

Lift up your heart
and share with me,
God wanted me now,

He set me free!

-author unknown



Acknowledgment

The family of the late **William Floyd Edwards, Jr.** wishes to thank
all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other
acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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