

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

When tomorrow starts without me,
and I'm not there to see if the sun should
rise and find your eyes, all filled with
tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
the way you did today, while thinking of
the many things, we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me, as much
as I love you, and each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow
starts without me, please try to understand
that an angel came and called
my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place
was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave
behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked
through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When
God looked down and smiled at me, from His great
golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've
promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but
here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today
will always last. And since each day's the same way,
there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow
starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For
every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

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extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for
all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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Celebration of Life For Hector Lee Fairley Sr.



**Life: September 19, 1933
Heaven: January 2, 2022**

**Service:
Saturday, January 15, 2022 -11:00AM**

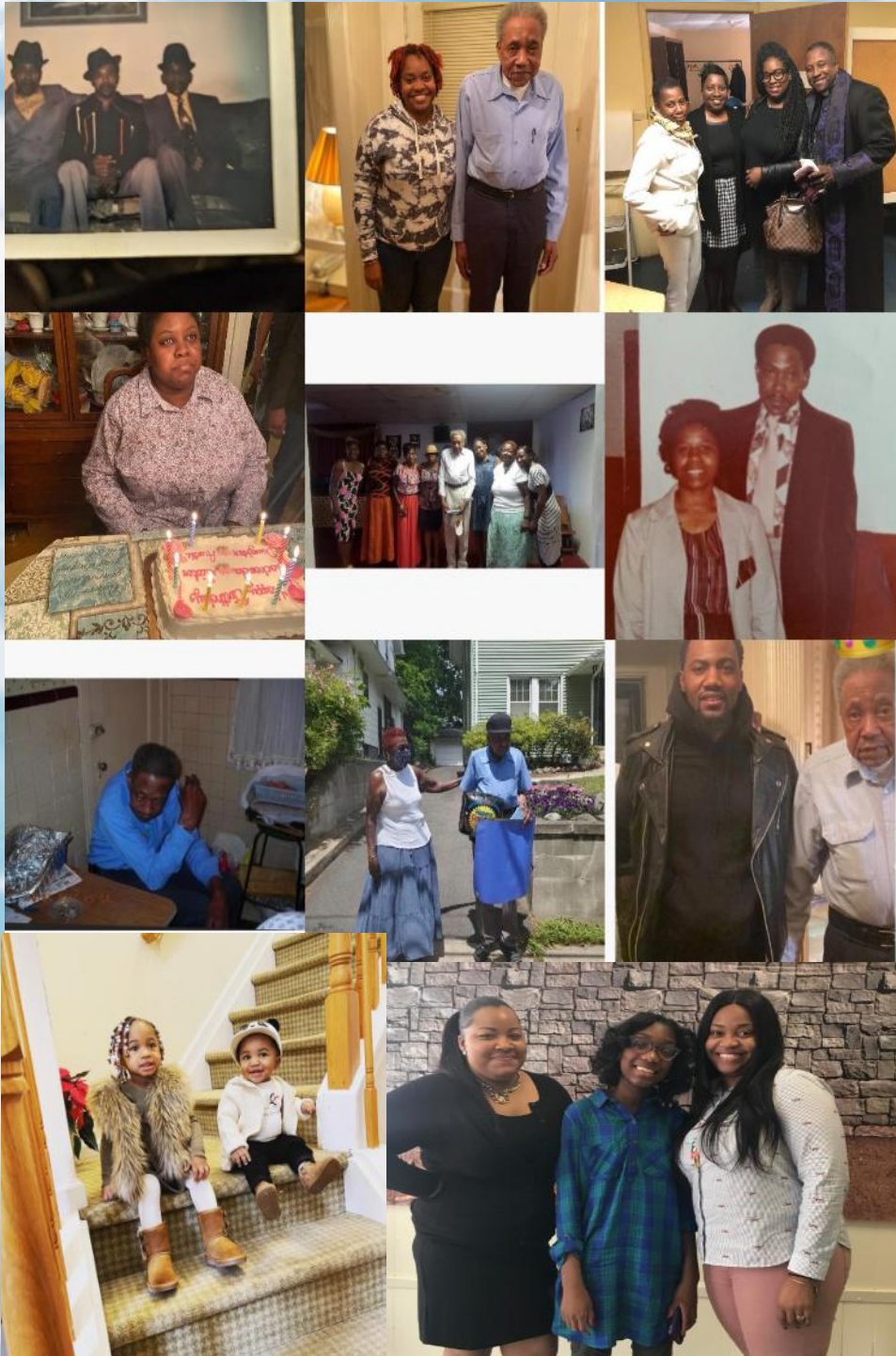
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PreludeMusician

ProcessionalClergy & Family

Opening Hymn..... “We’ll Understand It Better By & By”

Pray of ComfortSister Wilhelmina Hinton

Scriptures

 Old Testament -Isaiah 40:28-31Sister Katie Fairley

 New Testament -1 Corinthians 15:50-58...Reverend Luis A. Lozada

Selection..... Nayyirah Sims

Words of Comfort from.....Sister Delphine Fairley

Reflection of a Father's LoveHector Fairley Jr. (Son)

Remembering PapaGrandchildren
(Please limit remarks to 2 minutes)

SelectionSt. Stephen Combined Choir

Acknowledgement & Condolences...Sister Joanne Lucas Spann

Obituary.....Sister Joanne Lucas

Solo.....Sister Betty Davis

EulogyThe Rev. Joseph K. Fairley

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Mr. Hector Fairley Sr. was born September 19, 1933 in Red Springs, North Carolina to the late Mr. Murdock Fairley Sr. and Mrs. Katie Bell Fairley, nee Buie. He departed this earthly realm on Sunday, January 2, 2022 at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey following a brief illness.

A product of the public school system of Red Springs, North Carolina, he worked alongside his parents and siblings on the family farm as a youth. On May 15, 1954 Hector was joined in Holy Matrimony in Dillon, South Carolina to the late Catherine Elrita Fairley, his childhood sweetheart, who passed away in 2011. Within a few years, they'd relocate to Newark, New Jersey. From this blessed union, which lasted 57 years, eight children were born. Hector, or "Pie", as he was to family members and close friends, was a devoted husband and father. He was a faithful member of St. Stephens H.B.C.O.G. under the leadership of his late brother, Bishop James A. Fairley, and the late Pastor Louise Fairley, where he served honorably as a Deacon. He'd been a lifelong member in good standing at the time of his passing.

He retired from United Airlines in December of 1992 after 30 years in the culinary department. In addition, he was employed for over 30 years as building superintendent at Hamilton Court Apartments in Morristown, NJ by Kriegman & Smith Property Management.

Affectionately known by his loved ones as "Papa", "Pie", "Cowboy", "Unc", and "Dawson", he was known as a sweet (hence the nickname "Pie" given to him by his mother as a young boy), quiet, humble, hardworking, and supportive person. He was an avid and self-taught Mr. Fix It and a real Jack of All Trades. Often called upon for financial assistance by loved ones, he gave without hesitation, though he was known for watching his pennies.

His favorite thing to do in his leisure time, besides watching television shows such as Judge Judy, Family

Feud, Wheel of Fortune, CNN, and News 12 New Jersey, was caring for his youngest daughter, LaChanda. He was her primary caregiver. He enjoyed preparing meals for her; pancakes, roast, mac and cheese and salmon were his specialties. He delighted in driving her around town daily. They were inseparable. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for Chanda, as he called her.

Hector leaves to mourn six children: Wanda Bagwell, Hector L. Fairley, Jr, Joseph K. Fairley, Pamela Plummer, Anita Fairley, and LaChanda Fairley; two son in-laws, Brian Bagwell, and William Plummer; and a daughter in-law, Toni Fairley. Two daughters, Geraldine and Diane Fairley preceded him in death.

Twelve grandchildren, Bianca, Rahjan, Justin, Latrice, Tianna, Nia, Brandon, Alexis, NyAsia, Destiny, Noel, and Noah; two great grandsons Nolan and Major, and one great granddaughter, Marley.

Three sisters, Catherine Robinson, Willie Mae Middlebrooks, and Carrie Singleton, and three brothers, Bishop James A. Fairley, Murdock Fairley Jr., and John Franklin Fairley each preceded him in death.

Three brother-in-laws, Charlie Fulton, Lavern McClary, and Willie McClam; one aunt, Augustus Goodman, and two special cousins, Archie Lee and Theresa "Panny" McClary, who were more like siblings than cousins, are also left to mourn.

A host of nieces, nephews and friends are deeply grieved by his passing. He will be deeply missed, and forever in our hearts.

When we think of our father, the lyrics of a song by Mahalia Jackson comes to mind : "If I can help somebody as I pass along the way, then my living shall not be in vain". Indeed!

Rest in peace, beloved.

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