

A portrait of Edgar Nathaniel Maynard, an African American man with a receding hairline, wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and a tie with red and black diagonal stripes. He is smiling slightly. The background is a blue sky with white clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*Homegoing
Celebration
of Life
for*

Edgar Nathaniel Maynard

*Sunrise
July 23, 1923*

*Sunset
March 2, 2012*

*Service
Thursday, March 8, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.*

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
117-35 235th Street • Cambria Heights, NY

Father J. Mastine Nisbett, Officiating

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Reception of the Body Body of Common Prayers (BCP) P.466
Opening Sentences (BCP) P.491

Processional

Hymn (Levas) P.60
First Reading Wisdom 3:1-5,9 (Family Member)
Psalm 23 (BCP) (Family Member)
Second Reading Isaiah 25:6-9 (Family Member)
Hymn (Levas) P.184

The Gospel John 14:1-6
Homily The Very Reverend J. Mastine Nisbett
The Apostles Creed (BCP) P.496
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Communion Hymns (Levas) P.152, 189, 191
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Solo
Commendation (BCP) P.499
Recessional Hymn (Levas) P.20

Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, New York

Obituary

Edgar Nathaniel Maynard was born on July 23, 1923 in Guantanamo, Cuba. He was the third of eleven children born to Consuelo and Joseph Maynard.

As a child he and his siblings attended All Saints Episcopal Church where he also served as an altar-boy. As a young man he found employment in the US Naval Base in Guantanamo, Cuba. Among his many jobs, was movie projector operator, driving instructor and a school bus driver. Being an innovator he suggested the adoption of a uniform (white shirt, tie and a hat) for all the school bus drivers, an idea well accepted by the military hierarchy as it gave the group a more professional image.

On a trip to Banes, a city on the Cuban northern coast, he met and fell in love with a beautiful young lady named Clarita Coombs. Eventually Clara and Edgar married and became the proud parents of Melva Consuelo (Mimi), Frank Bruce (Bruce) and Caridad (Cari).

He loved to listen and dance to Cuban music, and on several occasions he contracted popular bands to perform at dances in his hometown of Guantanamo. One such dance he called "To have and have not", a couples only affair. "Carlos" or "Carlitos", a name he gave himself to impress some of the Cuban girls. He had a great sense of style, was a fashionable dresser and wore the finest suits and shoes he could afford; he particularly liked his two toned shoes.

In 1964, as a result of the political turmoil in Cuba, he took asylum in the US Naval Base, as did many other of his fellow Cubans. Two years later, he joined his wife and children in the United States, settling in Brooklyn, NY.

For many years, he owned and operated The E&C Amoco Gas Station at Flatbush Avenue, near the Manhattan Bridge. Later, he sold this business and went to work at the Greater New York Savings Bank, known today as the Astoria Savings Bank. He finally retired in 1995.

Eddie, as he was called by his co-workers, had a quick wit, a great sense of humor and was very outspoken. He was a natural handyman, and could fix anything that broke, from cars to washing machines.

Edgar is missed by all who knew him, and his memory will be cherished by: his loving wife of sixty-six years, Clara; his children, Melva, Frank and Caridad; grandchildren, Javier, Victor, Natalie, Brian, Frankie, Soraya, Lorenzo, Mya and Lisa; great grandchildren, Matthew, Madison Victoria and Frankie Damal. He is also survived by siblings, Lawrence, Margaret, Vira, Kelvin, Romelia and Rodney in the US and by Joseph (in Cuba).



Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



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