

In Loving
Memory
of



Earl M. Davis Sr.

December 22, 1951 - March 8, 2012

Service

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
525 Bramhall Avenue • Jersey City, New Jersey

Obituary

An Ocean of Life Well Sailed

Earl McClendon Davis Sr. was born December 22, 1951 to the late John Henry Davis and Mildred Davis in Ellaville, Georgia. Earl made his transition surrounded by his children and mother on March 8th, 2012. He was preceded by his father, his sister Henrietta Davis, and his loving wife Elaine Cruse Davis.

From childhood Earl's life was filled with cunning and adventure. His mother would often tell the story of him killing a snake at the age of three, mistaking the serpent for a worm in his innocence. This story is the first of many grandiose adventures that he would share with whoever would listen. He was a well wisher, who believed in hard truth and discipline. His moral scope was tooth and nail with philosophies that were as old fashioned as the Cowboy pictures he enjoyed. An honest man who didn't believe in cutting corners or taking breaks, but he would never deny a dance with lady luck or leave a betting mans hand unshaken for he was a card shark. If you ever played with him you'd know that he bet big and left angry tables with a smile on his face.

Earl was a hard worker, believing in the sanctity of making an honest living. Never coveting what others had and often weary of those who did. Earls keen sense of style always lead to the finer things in life from his snakeskin shoes to polished cars and fine dinning -he worked hard for all he acquired in his lifetime. Employment for him began early in life from shaking pecan trees to working throughout High School, graduating from John Lewis High in 1969.

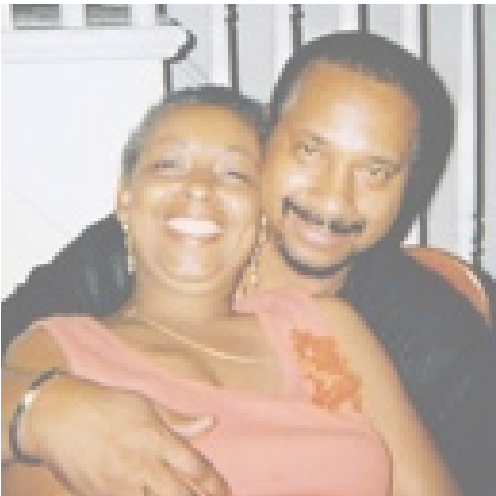
After High School he traveled to Jersey City, NJ to join his mother. From Jersey City he joined the Navy and toured the hostile seas of Vietnam during the war. He spent four years on the U.S.S. McKean, sailing the pacific, seeing things that most only see in dreams. Returning to Jersey City sun soaked and squinting his new worldly eyes, Earl felt that he had much to share with the world and decided to enroll in Jersey City State College to become a Professor. During his schooling he continued working for the Cedar program. From there he met a young sprite ling that he would eventually make his wife, Elaine. In order to provide for his family Earl selflessly laid down his dream to become a professor and begin working for the United States Post Office. Where he received numerous awards for his hard work and dedication. As Earl's family grew so did his heart and his pride. His actions would show that the job he loved most and brought him the most pride was that of being a Grandfather. ~And the rest is what they call history.

Left to mourn Earl's passing is his children LaShana K. Davis Giles, Denise M. Davis Gadsden, Earl M. Davis Jr., and Dakar Lawz, his grandchildren Colin and Caden Giles, Jax and Orchid Ryals, and Driana Lawz, his mother Mildred Davis Edge, step father William Edge, sisters Betty Davis, Jacequine Davis, and Kimberly Conyers, brothers Norman, Michael, Steve, William, Daren, and Oliver, son-in laws Raheem Giles and Omar Gadsden, brother in-laws Noel Conyers, Kevin Roundtree, Bernard, Tony, and Terry Cruse, sister in-laws June, Tina, Zerdine, and Nancy Davis, along with a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, other relatives and friends.

Earl was an inspiration to many, a life changer and supporter. A man of gratitude and generosity. A hard man filled with humor and good tidings, with the softest spot for his grand children. A mentor well dressed who set the gentleman's standard.



*Grand Dad you told us,
“believe your heart
and you’ll always have sunshine.”
~Colin, Caden, Jax and Orchid*



Homegoing Worship

Musical Prelude

Processional & Final Viewing Clergy and Family

Hymn of Consolation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Acknowledgement of Condolences Church Clerk

Reading of the Obituary LaKisha Jenkins

Musical Selection

Reflections (Limit 2 Mins. Please) Family and Friends

Solo of Comfort Alma Lockwood

Eulogy Pastor Nolan M Doby
St. John's Baptist Church

Recessional



Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

*The family will receive closest friends immediately
after the interment for the repast at
The Chandelier located in Bayonne, NJ.*



Our Hero

Earl gave of himself without fail to
those he loved and those in need.
Even in his death he gave the Gift of Life.
~Daddy you are a TRUE HERO~

Pall Bearers

Brothers

Acknowledgements

The family would like to thank you for your
prayers and kind expressions of sympathy as
they celebrate the life of **Earl M. Davis Sr.**

*Please continue to remember us in your prayers
May God continue to bless each one of you.*

~The Family

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