

*A Celebration of Life
For*



Roscoe Frank Jennings, LTC (Ret.), NJARNG

Sunrise

October 30, 1924

Sunset

March 10, 2012

Saturday, March 17, 2012
10:00 a.m.

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

208 Broadway
Newark, New Jersey 07104

Dr. Gloria White, Officiating

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament - Psalm 23..... Brenda McMahon

New Testament - Rev. 21:1-4 Rachel M. Ryder

PRAYER OF COMFORT

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN Hymn 309 - “Higher Ground”

EXPRESSIONS Family and Friends

SELECTION “Falling in Love with Jesus”

RESOLUTIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

OBITUARY Anthony P. Jennings

SOLO Karen S. Seward

EULOGY Dr. Gloria White

CLOSING PRAYER

RECESSIONAL



Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
620 Central Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

Repast

Family and friends are welcome to fellowship, following the interment, in the Mount Zion Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Obituary

Roscoe Frank Jennings, Sr. was born on October 30, 1924 in Newark, NJ, the son of Richard and Irene (nee Jefferson) Jennings. He made his transition from this life, peacefully, on Saturday, March 10, 2012, after a lengthy illness.

He was educated in the Newark Public School system, attending Miller Street School and Arts High School.

Roscoe was baptized in his youth at the Mount Zion Baptist Church at the Thomas Street location. He later renewed his membership in this church and became an active participant in its services, fellowship, and activities. Affectionately referred to as "The Colonel", he worked diligently bagging groceries for the pantry ministry, and singing in the Adult Choir.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Jean E. Jennings on June 18, 1988.

Roscoe lived a very active and productive life, having had varied careers, including 25 years at the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, retiring as its Executive Director. He was blessed to continue many of his activities throughout most of his life, including membership and participation in the Dennis Roland Chapter of the American Merchant Marine Veterans and the Air Defense Artillery organizations.

He obtained his private pilot's license in 1965 and always maintained his love of flying. When no longer able to be "Pilot in Command", he would fly in the Co-pilot's seat whenever he had the opportunity.

Roscoe participated in numerous social and civic activities. He was one of the founding members of the Crispus Attucks Society of Newark, NJ, the original organizers of the Crispus Attucks Day Parade in the City of Newark, acting as its Chairman in 1969.

Roscoe assisted all of his children, as well as others, in completing their higher education. Over the years he was also instrumental in several people gaining employment. His advice was that "hard work, loyalty and dedication are the keys to success."

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, "Jeanie"; his children, Brenda McMahan (Kevin), Roscoe F. Jennings, Jr. (Allison), Charlette Jennings and Melinda Jennings; daughter, Kathleen Dozier (Darryl) preceded him in death; stepdaughters, Patricia A. Ruben, Rachel M. Ryder and Karen S. Seward (Jon M.); surrogate son/nephew, Anthony P. Jennings (Dianna); eight grandchildren, Nikki Russell, Marshall Brown, Shomari Jennings, Whitney Jennings, Kamille Seward, Jon Myles Seward, Tyler Bryant, and Taylor Dozier; one great-grandchild; several nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS OF ROSCOE'S ACTIVE LIFE

Military

Enlisted in the U.S. Maritime Service in 1943 where he rose in the ranks to Ensign (1945), serving in WWII in the Atlantic and Mediterranean; to Third Mate (1945); to Second Mate (1947), serving in the Baltic and Indian Ocean.

Enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard in 1949.
Commissioned Second Lieutenant (1953);
Commissioned Captain (1960), assigned to Guided Missile Training Battery at Old Bridge, NJ:
Completed Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, DC (1974);
Graduated from Command and General Staff College Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (1975);
Commissioned Lieutenant Colonel, assigned to State HQ, Trenton until his retirement in November 1977.

Entrepreneur

Licensed Electrical Contractor - t/a Jennings Electrical Service, in Newark, NJ (1960 to 1963).

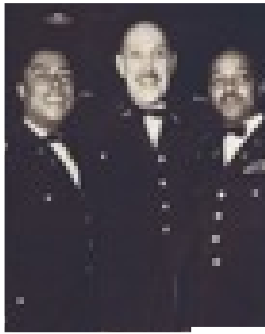
Public Industry

Joined the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission as Master Electrician (1974);
Special Assistant to Chairman Frank A. Orechio (1979);
Supervisor, Dept. of Electrical Repair, Maintenance & Service (1980);
Supervisor of Water Treatment (1981);
Superintendent, Department of Water Treatment (1983);
Executive Director (1986);
Retired from the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, after 25 years of service, in January 1990.

Came out of retirement to return to work an additional five years, serving the towns of Maple Shade and North Brunswick, NJ, respectively, as Superintendent of Water and Waste Water.

Commissioner, East Orange Water Commission, 1993-1998.

Precious Memories



ROSCOE,

*a.k.a. ROCK, THE COLONEL,
DAD, GRANDPOP, GRAMPS,
UNCLE ROSCOE, BRO*

*World traveler, from Newark, NJ to the Okabongo
Now, take your rest.
We will cherish the memories of you!*



PALLBEARERS

Darryl Dozier
Phillip Jennings
Shomari Jennings
Jon Michael Seward
Eric Sutton

Anthony P. Jennings
Roscoe F. Jennings, Jr.
Kevin McMahan
Jon Myles Seward
Anthony Sutton

Acknowledgement

*The Jennings Family thanks each of you for the outpouring of love and support during this difficult time. We are grateful to know that your love for Roscoe has forever linked each of you to us.
May God bless you all for your support.*

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