

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE
AND
HOMEGOING OF
TRUSTEE**

Hubert Ray Edwards

Sunrise
January 29, 1943

Sunset
May 24, 2012

“What is man, that thou are mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.”

Psalm 8:4, 5

Thursday, May 31, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

Faith Temple #1 O.F.W. Baptist Church

MLK Boulevard and L.N. Forbes Plaza (Halsted Street)

East Orange, New Jersey

Bishop L.N. Forbes, Pastor and Founder

Elder Arinzor Blue, Assistant Pastor

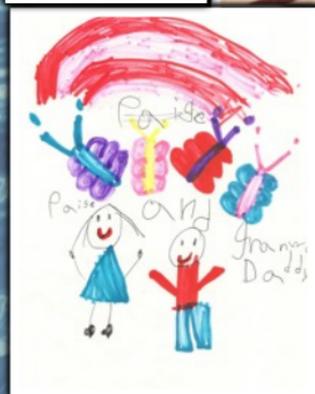
Rev. Jackie Slater, Officiating

Church of God at Iron Hill, Inc., Newark, Delaware

Precious Memories



Many Thanks for
your Gift



Reflections of Life

Hubert Ray Edwards (Baby Ray/ Huey) made his transition to be with the Lord on May 24, 2012, at Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ. He was born on January 29, 1943 in Wilson, North Carolina to the late James Yelverton and Hilderine Edwards and nurtured by his aunt, the late Rosa Yelverton (Aunt Sissy).

Hubert moved to Newark, New Jersey after graduating from high school. He served in the United States Army from 1961 – 1967. He traveled throughout Europe including Germany and Denmark. In August of 1969, he was united in holy matrimony to Betty Slater.

Hubert maintained employment with several jobs until he was gainfully employed with Ford Motor Company in Edison, New Jersey. During his tenure with Ford Motor Company, he was a dedicated worker. He began working on the assembly line and then on to the role of Computer Trainer for the plant employees during the introduction of robotics and computerized machinery at the plant in 1987. After he successfully maintained his employment for many years he retired in 1998. He also enjoyed working in the family business at his father's store, Jim's Wines & Liquors in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

On December 13, 1998, Brother Edwards united with Faith Temple #1 Original Free Will Baptist Church, East Orange, New Jersey under the leadership of Bishop L.N. Forbes. He later was appointed by Bishop Forbes as a Trustee and served faithfully. He recently served as the Co-Chairman of the Trustees' Ministry.

Hubert knew that he was blessed because he was a two-time cancer survivor! He always smiled and knew how to bring forth a smile in others through laughter. He was full of jokes, a true comedian at heart. At any gathering, he would often have something amusing to say or tell funny stories just to have a good time. He enjoyed being with his family which meant a lot to him. He would often travel to North Carolina just to be with family on many different occasions. **Hubert** took pride in the way that he dressed. He always made sure that his suit, hat and shoes were well put together.

Hubert's memories will be forever engrained in the hearts of his loving wife: Betty Edwards of Scotch Plains, NJ; one daughter: Monique (Silas) Williams of White Plains, NY; his stepmother, Arlene Yelverton of Irvington, NJ; two sisters, Jennifer Yelverton of Irvington, NJ and Gwen Hines of Bridgeville, DE; one brother, Craig Yelverton of Irvington, NJ; two granddaughters: Jordan and Paige; his mother-in-law: Floreid Slater of Newark, DE; one sister-in-law: Sarah Dunnell of Newark, DE; three brothers-in-law: Bobby (O'Sun) Slater, Rev. Jackie (Nadine) Slater both of New Castle, DE and Eugene (Patricia) Slater of Pennsauken, NJ; three aunts: Lossie Mae Bostic, Isabel Sauls and Orchamae Lyons and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by Robert Hines and one sister: Wilhemina Hines.

“There comes a time for all of us when we must say
good-bye, but we look
forward to meeting again far beyond the sky.”

Order of Service

*“The soul departed in the Lord does not die;
It returns to God, who is the Giver of life.”*

Presiding, Elder Eric Dickerson, Sr.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture ReadingTrustee Vaughn Young

OLD TESTAMENT READING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

PRAYER OF COMFORTDeacon Clarence Pace

HYMN OF PRAISE “It Is Well With My Soul”

REMARKS

ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH Deacon Robert Walden

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES’ MINISTRY Chairman Mitchell Williams

ON BEHALF OF THE BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY Elder Eric Dickerson, Sr.

SOLOLorne Rawls

REMARKS

Family Representative Wilma Knight

Special Remarks Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTSTrustee Nadine Ruffin

OBITUARYFinancial Secretary Sister Keisha DeVore

SELECTIONChoir

EULOGYRev. Jackie Slater (brother-in-law)
Church of God at Iron Hill, Inc., Newark, Delaware

SELECTIONChoir

BENEDICTION, PARTING INSTRUCTIONS AND VIEWING

Interment

*Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey*

Notice of Address Change

Dear Family & Friends,

I want to let you know I've moved. I received a call from God, who informed me that my new home is ready and that I could move in immediately. You know that I've been sending up my timber, packing and getting ready to go, but there were some final touches. Well, my new home is finished and It's such a beautiful sight. Behold! It is located in an exclusive estate, and it sits behind the "Pearly Gates."

Of course, the Streets are paved of gold and everyday it's Sunday. I have lived in many places before, but none can compare. There is peace, joy, and happiness here and I have no more pain. There is Sweet Serenity everywhere. I could go on and on about my new home, but I have to get fitted for my new robe. I look forward to seeing the family with all my love!

Let me give you my new address!

Hubert Ray Edwards

1736 Jesus Way

Godstown, Heaven 5-24-12

P.S. I don't have a telephone yet, but just call God. If you don't know his number, He is listed in the "Good Book" on every page.

The Edwards Family

Family Gratitude

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep admiration for all the thoughtfulness and warm expressions of kindness extended to us during the illness and passing of our love one.

May God's blessings be with each of you.

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