

*In Loving Memory of*



*Kenneth V. Aldridge*

Sunrise  
September 16, 1931

Sunset  
September 8, 2012

*Service*

Saturday, September 15, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**ST. PAUL'S LIFE CENTER**

355 Badger Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

*Bishop Hilton Rawls, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Kenneth Van Gustave Aldridge** began his earthly journey on September 16, 1931, in Lenoir County North Carolina. Kenneth left us peacefully on September 8, 2012, after nearly 81 years. He was the ninth child and fifth boy born to the proud parents, the late Carl Thomas Aldridge, Sr. and Mary Ellen Britt Aldridge. His formative years were spent on the family farm where he developed a fondness for caring for animals (cattle and livestock). He was raised in a God fearing Christian home by loving and adoring parents and other family members. Kenneth like the other members of the Aldridge family united with Jumping Run Free Will Baptist Church at an early age and remained a faithful member until he left North Carolina. He later became a member of the Jehovah Witness Faith and was active until his death.

Kenneth received his secondary education in the Lenoir County North Carolina Public School System graduating from E. B. Frink High School, La Grange, North Carolina in 1951. He and his sister Thelma Irene matriculated to what was then North Carolina Agricultural and Technical (A&T) College in Greensboro later to become North Carolina Agricultural and Technical (A&T) State University. His higher education was interrupted in 1953 when he was inducted into the United States Army. Kenneth served honorably at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and was later awarded an Honorable Discharge. He returned to North Carolina A&T and studied there until 1957.

Kenneth and his sister Hermena joined their sister Doris in Newark, New Jersey in 1957. Kenneth's first employment used his artistic skills to design Christmas and other special occasion cards. He left that job to pursue a lifelong dream of being an entrepreneur in sales with Fuller Products. Ken loved to sell and though he enjoyed a long and successful career at Du Pont, he continued to enjoy his passion for sales. He eventually developed a women's clothing sales business which extended from New Jersey to North Carolina.

Kenneth was adored by his family as a son, brother, uncle and cousin. He loved life, was a prolific newspaper reader and enthusiastic sports fan, especially baseball. He met the late Lucy Terrell after arriving in Newark and to that union his beautiful daughter Monica was born. He later met what became the love of his life Ida (Olivia) and they became the proud parents of Trevor. Kenneth was particularly close to his nephews and nieces Roger, Kermit, Marilyn, and Denise.

Ken was a large man with a giant heart and zest for life. He stood tall and spoke softly. He was preceded in death by his parents Carl T. and Mary Aldridge, siblings Mattie, Edna, Carl T. Jr., Theodore, John, Harold, Laura, and Hermena.

Kenneth leaves to mourn: his wife Ida (Olivia), daughter Monica Aldridge-Frye Trevor Aldridge, step daughter Lashawn Kears, sisters Doris Jackson and Thelma Whitfield, grandchildren, Troy Frye, Jr. Brittany Frye, Kelvin Mason, Jr. Kiyata Mason, Raymond Kears, and Devon Kears, and nine great grandchildren. His deceased brother's widow's are Helena R. Aldridge (Theodore) and Marie Harris Aldridge (Harold). He also leaves numerous heart broken nieces, nephews, cousins, and loyal friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Visitation

Eulogy

Recession

## **INTERMENT**

William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey

### ***Suddenly***

*“Sorry I had to Leave You So Suddenly”  
Sorry I had to leave in a sudden kind of way; didn’t have  
time to call and say good-bye today. I knew you would  
understand, because that’s the way you are; don’t worry  
about the distance because I’m not really that far.*

*Don’t wait up and please don’t cry you  
didn’t hear me say good-bye.*

## *No More*

*No more suffering, no more pain*

*Only sunshine, no more rain.*

*No more problems, no more stress*

*Only good times, no more mess.*

*No more crying, no more tears*

*Only smiles, no more fears.*

*No more running, no more hiding*

*Only the truth, no ore lying*

*No more wishing, no more hoping*

*Everything is granted, no more moping*

*No more hate, no more evil*

*Only God, no more devil*

*No more dealing with the physical form*

*Now spread your wings and ..... Fly on.*

### *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.

May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

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