



Celebrating the Life of

Walter E. Hand

Sunrise

January 24, 1932

Sunset

November 14, 2012

Service

Sunday, November 18, 2012 - 8:00 p.m.

MT. PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

163 Autumn Street

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. W. Louis McDowell, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Walter Edward Hand was born in Hackensack, New Jersey on January 24, 1932 to the late Amanda Harper Mathis Hand and Benjamin Hand. He was the fourth of seven children. God called him home on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 after a brief illness.

Walter married the late Verdale Burnham Hand in 1958 and to this union two beautiful children were born, Alfonso Douglas and Donna Jean.

Walter was reared in Harlem, New York and Delawanna Clifton, New Jersey. Years after, he raised his family in Paterson and Passaic, New Jersey.

He served in the military for almost five years; first the U.S. Air Force and then joining the U.S. Marine Corps. Walter worked many years for the United States Post Office in Newark, New Jersey where he retired in 1994.

If you knew Walt, you would always hear him quote these favorite sayings, "you know the time" and "you dig it?" Walt knew the Lord and was very knowledgeable of the bible. He knew that his strength came from, our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

After the demise of his wife, he moved to Corning, New York and resided there until his passing.

Walter was predeceased by his parents, Amanda and Benjamin Hand, wife, Verdale Burnham Hand who passed on April 15, 2000, and three siblings, Mack Mathis, Lorraine Green and Vivian Roberts.

He leaves to cherish his memory: three children, Alfonso Hand of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Donna Hansford of Teaneck, New Jersey and Sharlene Gresham of Lawrenceville, New Jersey; an adopted son, Anthony Gresham of Union, New Jersey; one son-in-law, Johnny Hansford of Teaneck, NJ; two brothers, Benjamin Hand, Jr. (Barbara) of Bowie, Maryland and Robert Hand (Elizabeth) of North Augusta, South Carolina; one sister, Doris McCain of Augusta, Georgia; two sisters-in-law, Ruby Hand of Passaic, New Jersey and Mary Emma Carter of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; one brother-in-law, Rev. W. Louis McDowell of Passaic, New Jersey; three grandchildren, Christopher Hansford, Emani McNair and Synai McNair; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude George Garrison

Opening Hymn "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"
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Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Words of Comfort

Solo Deacon Johnny Hansford

Poem Readings Grandchildren
Emani McNair and Synai McNair

Selection Mt. Pilgrim Choir

Acknowledgements

Reflections of Life Rita L. Sallie

Solo Theodore Hill, Jr.

Eulogy Pastor W. Louis McDowell

Recessional The Family

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Walter Hand** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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