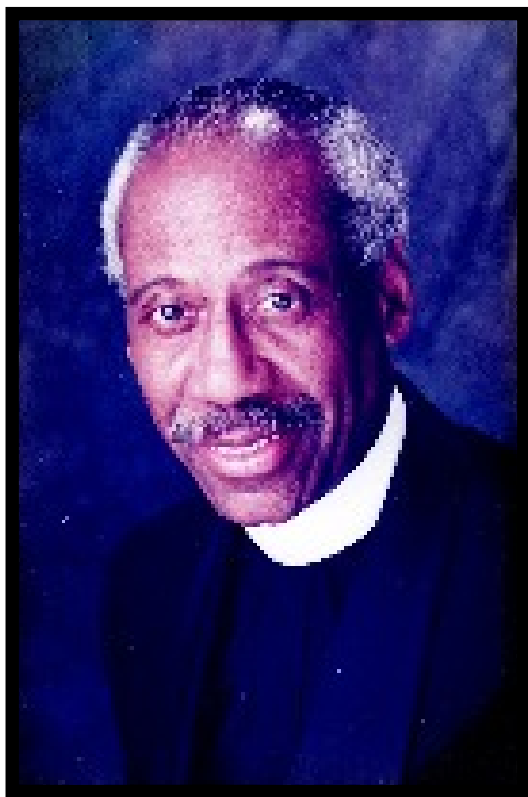


# *Home Going Service For*



*Reverend Davis Jackson Woodfork, Jr.*

**Sunrise**

*September 8, 1941*

**Sunset**

*February 1, 2013*

*Wednesday, February 6, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.*

**GILMORE MEMORIAL TABERNACLE CHURCH**

68 Bishop Clarence Gilmore Plaza • Paterson, New Jersey

68 Haledon Avenue • Paterson, New Jersey

*Reverend Thomas P. Farrar, Senior Pastor*

*Reverend Stanley Darden, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Davis Jackson Woodfork, Jr.** a.k.a “Woody”, was born on September 8, 1941, to Helen A. Taylor and Davis Jackson Woodfork, Sr. in Albemarle County, Virginia. He was one of five children and the husband of one wife, Ruth Woodfork.

**EDUCATION** • Davis graduated from Dunbar High School in Lynchburg, Virginia with the high honor of Salutatorian, and attended Howard University's Engineering program in 1960. He later received his Associates degree from Bergen Community College and completed his four-year Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from William Paterson University in 1978. He would return to William Paterson in 1994 to complete his Alternate Route teacher's degree.

**HOBBIES** • Davis was a man of style, he had a definite swagger. He was a man of great timing and was never late for anything. His slogan concerning time was, “I never let the thought of lateness enter my mind.” In his youth, Davis loved to race cars and play pool. As he grew older, he became a student of the world. He was an avid reader and writer, authoring four books on his own, as well as an academic and Biblical scholar with many degrees. A gifted student, he passed any academic test with ease and had read the Bible from cover to cover many times. He was also skilled in the martial arts, holding the title of Black Belt in Karate. Davis was also an accomplished marksman and military policeman in the Army. His strong leadership skills were again evident when he served as President of the Lion's Club.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE** • Davis was dedicated to his Christian service and was always active in ministry. Once in New Jersey, he attended Unity Missionary Church in Paterson under the late Bishop Albert Bland, where he functioned as a trustee. He subsequently served as a Pastor's Assistant at New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Englewood, NJ, under Rev. J. Street, where he taught Bible class and preached on alternate Sundays. Following that experience, Davis attended Redemption House of the Living God in Irvington, NJ, under the leadership of Dr. Loretta Taylor. His service there was extensive, as his functions included Financial Secretary, Intercessor and Assistant Pastor, just to name a few. The Rev. Davis Jackson Woodfork was licensed as a Minister at Zoe Ministries in New York, NY in 1992 and was later elevated to the office of Father under Bishop Dr. E. Bernard Jordan. Once again, he served diligently as Father and Senior Care Group Leader, among other duties.

**WORK EXPERIENCE** • Davis began his work life in military service as a Military Policeman with the Army in 1964, where he was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. After the Army, he worked as a Clerk with the U.S. Postal Service for over 25 years, until he decided to follow his passion and natural ability as a teacher in the Paterson Public School System. He taught eighth grade math for three years in Paterson, and he also privately tutored students in calculus, geometry and trigonometry. His last teaching position was with Frederick LaGarde Christian Academy, where he taught for six years. Due to declining health, he left behind his beloved teaching position and returned to his military police roots by completing his career as a security officer.

**FAMILY** • Only one thing was missing from Davis' life, and that would change when he met his future wife, Ruth, whom he married on June 4, 1988. Davis was a loving husband to Ruth, and a dedicated father to Mark David Hairston. He also leaves to cherish his memory a grandson, Mark David II; three sisters, Esther Braxton of Appomattox, Virginia; Rev. Angela Caroll of Hyattsville, MD; Audrey Darden of Paterson, NJ; one brother, Rev. Stanley Darden (Vanessa) of Paterson, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

ORGAN PRELUDE

*Minister of Music • Jean Watterman*

PROCESSIONAL OF BISHOPS & MINISTERS

MASTER OF CEREMONY

*Reverend Arthur Cook*

INVOCATION

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*“Because He Lives”*

READING OF THE WORD

*Old Testament • Psalm 23 • Reverend Arthur Cook*

*New Testament • 2 Corinthians 5:1-9 • Reverend Angela Carroll*

HYMN OF CONSOLATION

*“Blessed Assurance”*

REMARKS

*Bishop Dr. E. Bernard Jordan*

*Pastor Dr. David Ireland*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & READING OF THE OBITUARY

*Regina Clark*

SOLO

*“Precious Lord” • Lillian McKay*

EULOGY

*Reverend Stanley Darden*

*Gilmore Memorial Tabernacle Church • Paterson, NJ*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

*“When You Hear of My Home Going” • Jean Watterman*

## **Interment**

*George Washington Memorial Cemetery*

*Paramus, New Jersey*

*Repast for Family and Friends will follow interment at*

*Gilmore Memorial Tabernacle Church*

*Paterson, New Jersey*

**Pall Bearers**

Salaam Ali  
Paul Buriers  
James Darden  
Stuart Darden  
Reverend Claude Woody  
Reverend Vernon Woody  
Norman Young



***I've Changed My Address to Heaven***

*I've changed my address to Heaven  
I've crossed the Great Divide.  
I know there's no sorrow or crying,  
Because I've reached the other side.  
I am so happy to be here, for the Lord Himself I see.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place where you'll find me.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I bid this world goodbye.  
I now live forever with Jesus in my new home in the sky.  
I have no burdens or heartaches  
and from tears I am now free.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place to find me.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I'm safe forevermore. For the Lord built a mansion  
and my name is on the door.  
You can find us walking together,  
for where He is, I'll always be.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place you'll find me.*

*-Author unknown*

***Acknowledgement***

The Woodfork family wishes to express their deepest appreciation for all your prayers, gifts, every act of kindness, and all generosity shown to us during our time of mourning.

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