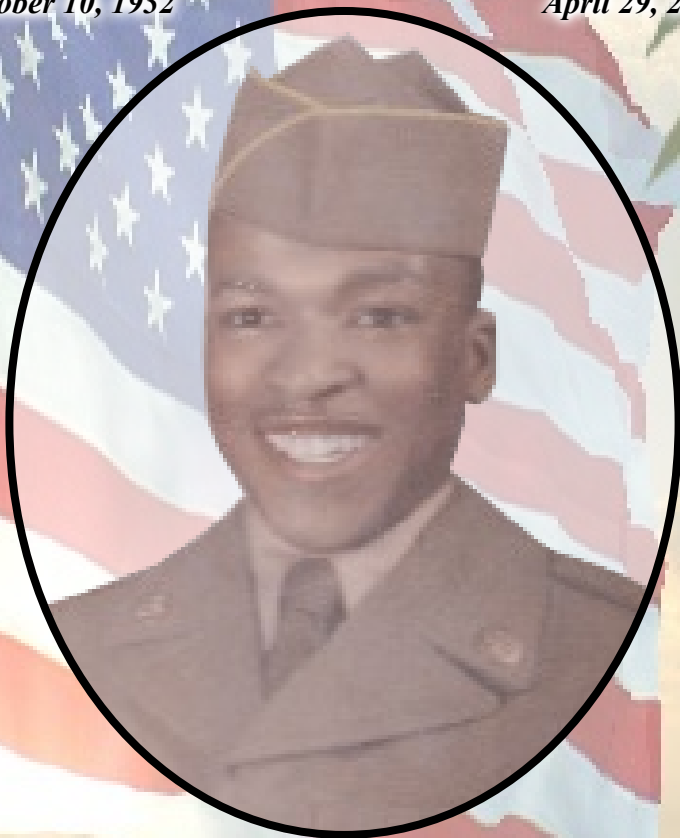


In Loving Memory  
of  
**Raymond Regis Dalton**

*Sunrise*  
October 10, 1932

*Sunset*  
April 29, 2013



Services

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

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163 Oakwood Avenue  
Orange, New Jersey 07050  
Rev. James Johnson, Officiating

## Obituary

**Raymond Regis Dalton** affectionately known as "Ray" of East Orange, NJ departed this life on Monday, April 29, 2013 at his home. He was eighty years old.

Ray was born on October 10, 1932 in Pittsburgh, PA to the late Viola Richards and Emmett Dalton. He received his early education in the Pittsburgh Public School system. Ray joined the United States Army in February of 1953 where he was stationed in Germany and he was honorably discharged in December of 1956. As time went on, he wanted to further his education and pursue his passion for automobiles. He attended the Lincoln Tech Institute in Newark, NJ where he received an Automotive Technician certificate.

He was introduced to Mary Holmes and they were married in the spring of 1963 and from this union, Celeste, his daughter was born. Also from that union, he was blessed to gain two stepdaughters, Antoinette Harris and Marsette McDaniel, and one stepson, the late Gary Hudspeth.

Ray had a contagious personality and a hearty laugh. Everyone that met Raymond liked him and he always made you feel like he knew you for years. He was known for having a great sense of humor and making folks laugh. You could never be in a bad mood around him. Raymond never encountered any strangers; everyone he met was a friend.

Raymond was an excellent auto mechanic. He loved working on automobiles and knew every car (make and model) known to man, but his passion was for American made cars only. He often said "I am a GM Man". GM is the acronym for General Motors. He was employed with Ford for many years and his last place of employment was with Guaranteed Tune-up before retiring in the early 90's. He also was an excellent cook. Short Ribs of Beef was one of his favorite dishes that he enjoyed preparing. He also loved listening to all kinds of music and he loved to dance. Trivia: Did you know that Ray was an "undiscovered" artist. He loved to draw. The good Lord blessed Raymond with many gifts and talents.

His parents, Emmett Dalton and Viola Willa Mae Richards and a brother, Floyd Edward Dalton preceded Raymond in death.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory: his daughter, Celeste Thaxton; son-in-law, Obbey Thaxton; two grandchildren, Jared Thaxton and Brooke Thaxton; his brother, Bernard Dubois Dalton (Shirley) of East Orange, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

# Order of Service

*Seating of Family*

*Hymn of Comfort*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Scripture Reading*

*Old Testament - Psalm 23*

*New Testament - I Corinthians 13*



*Solo.....Royelle Glover*

*Remarks*

*Acknowledgements and Obituary*

*Solo..... Royelle Glover*

*Eulogy.....Reverend James Johnson  
Peaceful Zion Baptist Church • East Orange, NJ*

*Recessional..... Clergy and Family*

**Interment**  
*Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey*

## Poem of Life

Author Unknown

*Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
to sweet eternity.  
We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
but never meant to stay...  
Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know.  
For some the journey's quicker,  
For some the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the Lord*

### Acknowledgement

Perhaps you dropped by to say hello or called us on the phone, maybe you visited for a while to keep us from being alone. You might have sent flowers or a card to show you cared; possibly, you didn't come at all but remembered us in prayer. Whatever extended kindness we have received is accepted with sincere gratitude and thanks that is everlasting.

*Humbly submitted by the family*

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