



Celebrating the Life of

Emil "Bonesi" Esa

Sunrise
May 1, 1924

Sunset
May 4, 2014

Friday, May 9, 2014 - 3:00 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Randall M. Lassiter, Pastor
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(East 18th Street)
Paterson, New Jersey

Reflections of Life

On May 1, 1924, in Central Falls, Rhode Island in the beauty of a day created by God and now consumed forever in eternity, Alfred and Matilda (Sawra) Esa were blessed with the birth of a bouncing baby boy who they named **Emil**. Emil joined five other siblings. Little did his siblings or parents know that this bundle of energy would become a beacon of life to the Esa family legacy. They never imagined that in his character he would symbolize such an integrate part to the many lives he touched and became a part of.

Emil was successful in all his endeavors; and to paraphrase the song, “*he did it his way*”. After completing his high school education he went on to marry Mabel Roth. From this union God blessed them with three sons, (Louis George, Thomas Joseph and John Alfred). As a husband and father, he began turning his dreams into reality as he developed a successful entrepreneurship for his family and great pride in his service to his community.

After Mabel’s passing, Emil found love again and married Ruby Odom in November 1988. Emil, tall in stature, a strong determined man, with a twinkle in his eye that gave suggestion to the goodness he possessed. He was a man with a big heart.

“Bonesi” (as he was affectionately known) was loved by everyone, especially his family. As an entrepreneur not only did he provide for his household he afforded occupations for the many individuals he employed through the years. Before he became an entrepreneur his first job was at age fifteen as an Idaho Forestry Firefighter (just think a fifteen year old running into the flames of mountain forest fire). As a result of fulfilling dreams he became entertainment manager for the famed Cotton Club (bringing major acts such as Mel Torme to Etta James and many, many more). He was boxing manager for Eddie Parks and Doc McClendon; he went from bartending to becoming the owner of two taverns and a restaurant (Esa’s Bar, Esa’s Nightclub and Ruby’s). He later became founder/owner of Riteway Roofing and Custom Roofing.

His enjoyments in life: family, gardening, history and math, gambling, watching sports with his grand’s and family events.

On Sunday morning, May 4, 2014, God saw fit to pluck His one-of-a-kind precious flower called Emil from His garden and to take him home to be with Him. He celebrated his earthly life by taking him to the heavenly place he had prepared for him ninety years and three days prior.

He was predeceased in death by, his parents, siblings, one son (John) and one grandchild (Analyse M. Odom).

He leaves to cherish his memory and trusting in the assurance that he is at peace: his wife, Ruby Odom-Esa of Paterson, NJ; Erika Arthur, Danielle (Nicolas) Caraballo of Paterson, NJ; Louis Esa of Wayne, NJ; Thomas Esa of New York, NY; grandchildren, Julie and Louis Esa, Justin E. Arthur, Christina A. Rodriguez, Stone N. and Tyler M. Brown, Arianna J. Caraballo; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He shall surely be missed by us all. “Dad we Love You.”

Order of Service

“For I am ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.” (2 Tim. 4:6,7)

ORGAN PRELUDE.....Vincent McCray

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

INVOCATION

HYMN OF COMFORT“*Blessed Assurance*” #508

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 5:1-6

WORD’S OF COMFORTDeaconess Jeanette S. Lyde
Deaconess Annabelle Jones

SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Blondell Burin

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE.....Blondell Burin

SOLO.....*Harvey Nutter*

EULOGY.....Pastor Lassiter

CLOSING SELECTION “*When We All Get Together*” #594

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Repast

Calvary Baptist Church
Rev. Charles C. Currin Fellowship Hall
Paterson, New Jersey

*To My Husband
"I wish you could have stayed"
Love you Always
Ruby*

*A MAN AMONG MEN
MY DAD MY CHAMPION*

Dad:

*You are our "Champion" in life and in death.
When things get hot or the road gets rough,
We'll always remember what you taught. us
Dad You will Always be our Champion.*

Your loving Children

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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