

A Celebration of Life
For
William Morgan Morton

Sunrise
September 2, 1923

Sunset
September 9, 2015



Monday, September 14, 2015
Viewing: 9:00 am – 10:45 am Service: 11:00 am

First Baptist Church of Woodbridge
130 Sewaren Avenue
Sewaren, NJ 07707

Reverend Neva Lawson, Officiating Pastor

Obituary

William Morgan Morton III (Wiggy), son of the late William M. Morton and Alice Mamie Hartnett, was born on September 2, 1923 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Wiggy was educated in the Perth Amboy School System and, after graduation from high school, he studied drafting and welding at Lincoln Technical School. He furthered his studies at the Golden S. Clinton Institute in Pennsylvania and Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Bill became a faculty member of Rutgers Extension Division and enjoyed many years lecturing on labor and civil rights issues. He was appointed Sub-District Director and Civil Rights Coordinator for the United Steelworkers of America and became a National Labor Negotiator, the first person of color to attain that status in our area. He later was appointed Coordinator for the New Jersey Organization of Active Retirees for the United Steelworkers of America/SOAR.

Bill became active in civil rights at an early age. He participated with the Negro Labor Council, was appointed chairman of the Central Jersey Civil Rights Council and was a coordinator for the 1957 March on Washington, led by Bayard Rustin. Bill was the Central Jersey Coordinator for the historic 1963 March on Washington, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was the former chairman of the Woodbridge Township Human Relations Commission and received keys to several cities, including Perth Amboy and Woodbridge Township.

Bill's primary love was his work with the NAACP, having served for more than 45 years. Credits received from his work include Life Membership in the NAACP, Golden Heritage Membership, former President of the Perth Amboy Area Branch NAACP/12 years; recipient of the Million Dollar Membership Medallion, Bill Cosby National Life Membership Award, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Award and the NAACP Diamond Jubilee Membership Award, to name a few.

Bill was a former member of the Supreme Court of New Jersey Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct. Additionally, he was inducted into the Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame and received the American Association of Affirmative Action Region II Community Service Award.

Bill was a 33° Mason, serving as a Past Worshipful Master of Morning Star Lodge #12, AF & AM of New Jersey. He was also a SCHINDER.

Bill's precious memories will always be cherished by his "best friend" and spouse, Mildred M. Morton; sons, Gary M. Morton (Denise) and Jerry H. Hall (Diane); daughter, Michelle Bressant; grandchildren, Porscha Dillard-Morton, Crystal Johnson (Channon); nieces, Toni House, Carolyn Edwards, Dr. Betty A. Morris (Byron), Mildred Swann (Frank), Janise Walker, Patricia Jones, Ivy Caceres (Juan), Markey Mack, Iris Pennyfeather; nephews, Charles Hall III (Iney), Ernest Sharpe (Curlie), Paul Hartnett (Beverly), James Hartnett, David Hall, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Bill was a member of The First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, Sewaren, NJ, having joined under the pastorate of Reverend Neva Lawson.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Opening Hymn.....“When We All Get To Heaven”.....#429

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Job 14:1-6

New Testament: I Corinthians 15:51-58

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....“Order My Steps” First Baptist Church Choir

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Remarks..... (please limit to two (2) minutes)

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NAACP

Office of the Mayor, Woodbridge, NJ

Obituary Reading..... Alice Horton

Solo.....”If I Can Help Somebody”.....Deborah Brown Bailey

Eulogy.....Reverend Neva Lawson

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Monday, September 14, 2015

Alpine Cemetery

703 Amboy Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Repast

The family will receive friends for repast at the

First Baptist Church of Woodbridge

130 Sewaren Avenue, Sewaren, NJ 07077

Pall Bearers

Juan Caceres
Dwight Glenn
Kevin Hall

Paul Hartnett
Channon Johnson
John Carvana

No Time For Sad Remembrances

There's no time for sad remembrances
Because I'm home where I belong
I've conquered all my battles,
I've even heard the trumpet's song.
I've climbed my highest mountain
And I've reached an even peak,
And I've found that peace and true reward
That you have yet to seek.
There's no time for sad remembrances
For you have a precious life;
So find comfort in my journey
Please don't bear this pain and strife.
Oh! My Father's house is perfect
Just like He said it would be,
So dry your tears
Because I'm home and now I'm free.
I am part of all the beauty
That your world has yet to see;
So don't be sad about my journey,
Just be glad that I am free!
-Author unknown

In Appreciation

Words are inadequate to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness and love extended to us during this very difficult time. We are profoundly grateful for your thoughtfulness, concern, and uplifting support. As we enter this uncharted phase of our lives, we ask for your continued prayers. May God richly bless each and every one of you.

~The Family

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