

A Celebration of Life For
William James Dismus



Sunrise
August 26, 1930

Sunset
October 17, 2015

Obituary

After a brief illness, **William James Dismus** peacefully departed this life on October 17, 2015. William, affectionately known as “**Diz**” was born on August 26, 1930, to the late Wade Hampton Dismus and Rosalee (Lester) Dismus. William was born and raised in Englewood, New Jersey, and graduated from Dwight Morrow High School, class of 1949.

Following high school, between 1951 and 1953, William served in the United States Marine Corps. For the next 38 years he worked for the Bergen County Utility Authority, retiring as a managing supervisor in 1992. During his tenure at the Utility Authority he served as a shop steward and trustee for the Utilities Workers Union of America (UWUA), Local 534. William successfully worked to break barriers for minorities into mechanic and management positions. Providing leadership to his home community, William was an active member of the American Legion, Post 58, ever looking forward to the annual American Legion Convention in Wildwood, New Jersey.

Diz was an exceptional athlete. He played semi-pro basketball and was a versatile sportsman who enjoyed baseball, horseshoes, shuffle board, bowling, golf, hunting and tennis. At the age of fourteen, he began playing competitive billiards and won a variety of competitions. Diz delighted in taking many friends, nephews and grandchildren to task athletically, sharing himself with them through his lifelong love of sport. Diz also enjoyed playing cards. Playing Pinochle with his brother, Wade and dear friends, Russell Major and Ken Tinsley was a sacred pastime. An avid traveler, he visited Nice, Paris, Buenos Aires, and loved the Caribbean. He visited Jamaica, Haiti and several other Caribbean islands but his favorite vacation spot was Aruba, where he'd buy a sharp hat to match his perfect tan.

In 1963, Diz married the late Janis Ellen Green. This union produced two lovely daughters, Cynthia Lorraine Poarch and Diana Cecile Campbell. In 2001, after a long friendship and engagement, William married his beloved Effie Jane. William and Effie relocated to the Renaissance at Manchester, an adult community, where they were joined by sister and brother-in-law, Alice Allen and the late Carl Allen. There, William continued to shoot pool, play golf and travel. He was a member of the Renaissance Billiards Club, Renaissance Men's Club and was former vice president of the Renaissance Unity Club.

Diz is predeceased by his first and second wives, Jean Boone and Janis Ellen Green; granddaughter, Nia Poarch; sisters, Lenora Williams and Margaret Ward (John), and brother, Wade H. Dismus, Jr.

He will be lovingly remembered by: his wife, Effie Jane; his sister, Anna F. Boyd; his children and their spouses, Cynthia Poarch (Brad), Diana Campbell (Garikai), Deborah Rada (Miguelo); stepchildren, Dr. Karen Young (Eddie) and Keith Horton; grandchildren, Zaeliff Rada, Stephen Poarch, Jordan Poarch, Ashante Horton, William Campbell, Chad Poarch, Robert Campbell, Alyssa Poarch, Tre Young, George Campbell and Aamir Horton; sisters-in-law, Dr. Rev. Edna Dismus, Sharon Green-Dansby, Alice Allen, and Barbara Broadus; brothers-in-law, Oscar Arrington and Clifton Arrington; nieces and nephews that call him “Unc” and who all think of him as a second father; and other relatives and wonderful friends.

Thursday, October 22, 2015
Viewing: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Service: 11:00 a.m.

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Pastor Dr. Rev. Lester W. Taylor, Jr., Officiating

Order of Service

Processional of Family and Final Viewing

Invocation

Opening Hymn/Solo

Military Honors

The Scriptures

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-13.....Crystal Tanksley

New Testament - I Thessalonians 4:13-18.....Jake Tanksley

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection/Solo

Expressions of Condolences.....Sharon Dansby

Reflections from Friends, Family and Clergy.....Cynthia Poarch

Diana Campbell

Keith Horton

The Reading of the ObituaryDr. Rev. Edna Dismus

Musical Selection/Solo.....“I Won’t Complain”

The Message of Hope.....Pastor Dr. Rev. Lester W. Taylor, Jr.

Closing Hymn.....“Going Up Yonder”

The Benediction

Recessional

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, New Jersey

Remember Me

*To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful I will never return,
I am at peace with myself and the Lord,
I cannot speak, but I can listen
I cannot be seen but I can be heard,
So remember me in your heart and thoughts,
Remember me in your memories,
Remember me of the times we loved,
Remember me of the times we laughed,
Remember me of the times we cried,
Remember me of the times we fought
And always remember me of the times we lived together.
I am resting in peace with the highest hope that some day
we shall all unite again in God's Kingdom.*

-Author unknown

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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