

*Homegoing Service
In Blessed Memory of*



Ronald Eric Manning, Sr.

Sunrise: February 9, 1940

Sunset: October 17, 2015

*Celebrating The Life of
Ronald Eric Manning, Sr.*



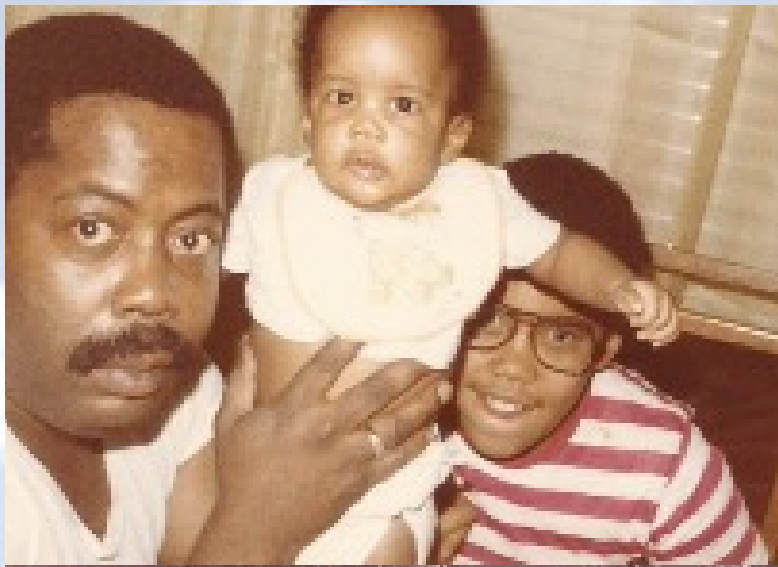
Saturday, October 24, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

MOUNT TEMAN A.M.E. CHURCH

160 Madison Avenue

Elizabeth, New Jersey

Rev. George Brett, Pastor



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Order Of Service

The Prelude

The Doxology.....“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

The Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth,
PEOPLE:THE ETERNAL GOD IS OUR REFUGE, AND UNDERNEATH ARE THEE
Leader: Jesus said: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: Not as the world
PEOPLE: GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE. THEREFORE, WE WILL NOT FEAR. Leader: We have gathered to celebrate the life of Ronald Eric Manning
PEOPLE:TO AFFIRM WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD
Leader: We have gathered to celebrate the entry of Ronald Manning into life eternal; PEOPLE:TO WITNESS TO OUR FAITH TO COME TOGETHER IN GRIEF ACKNOWLEDGING OUR HUMAN LOSS.

The Congregational Hymn:.....Verses 1 and 4
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Rudolph Gibbs

The Consoling Word

The Old Testament.....Psalms 25:1-8

The New Testament.....John 14:1-6

Selection.....“Wind Beneath My Wings”
Lauren Hooper

Reflection.....Thomas Roy Bullock

Selection.....“Oh Lord I Want You To Help Me”
Rachael Cookie Hester

Tributes (2 minutes).....Family & Friends

The Obituary.....Read in Silence

Sermonic Selection.....“If I Can Help Somebody”
Rachael Cookie Hester

Eulogy.....Rev. Ralph Thomas

Recessional.....“I’ll Fly Away”.....The People

Officiant.....Rev. Ralph M. Thomas and Pastor Emeritus

Private Burial

Monday, October 26, 2015 - 11:30 a.m.

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Born February 9, 1940 to the late Amat Esop and Lillian Boykins, **Ronald Eric Manning, Sr.** was the brother of six, Florence, Ralph, Shirley, Gail, Donald and Brenda, all of whom pre-deceased him. He was baptized at and attended Mount Teman A.M.E., the family Church.

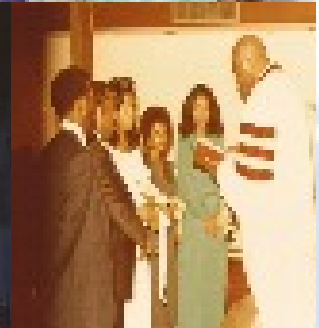
Ronald attended the Elizabeth public schools, graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1958. He continued his education at the American Academy of Mortuary Science in New York City and completed his internship under the tutelage of Alfred J. Smith of Smith Funeral Home in Elizabeth, New Jersey. In 1963, he joined the United States Army and served two tours in Vietnam as an Infantryman, during which he received the Bronze Star with "V" for valor. He completed a distinguished twenty year career in the armed forces, having served in the Army Reserves and New Jersey Army National Guard as well, and completed his career with the rank of Staff Sergeant in the 5th Squadron, 117th Cavalry of the New Jersey Army National Guard and received an Honorable Discharge in 1990. Ronald was employed by Merck & Co., Inc. for forty-two years, where he worked as a pipefitter/welder, retiring in 2008. During that time until 2014, he utilized his training in Mortuary Science, working as a Contracting Funeral Director.

Prior to Vietnam, Ronald married his high school sweetheart and in 1968 they had Ronald Eric Manning, Jr., who has been a longtime NJ paramedic. In 1978, Ronald married his second wife, Celeste Roberson and in 1980 they had a daughter, Tia Celeste, who is now a Pediatric Emergency Department Physician residing in Florida.

Ron and Celeste moved to Plainfield, NJ in 1981 where they raised Ron, Jr. and Tia. Ron was well loved in the neighborhood for his willingness to help anyone. If someone had a plumbing problem, Ron was always there to assist. During bad winters, Ron would canvas the neighborhood with the snow blower and clear the driveways of seniors, accepting nothing in return.

Ron had such a great love for children; he had more loved ones that called him Dad or Uncle Moe and he referred to all of them as his children.

He is survived by: his wife, Celeste Manning; son, Ron Manning, Jr., (wife, Dr. Marilyn Giorgi Manning); daughter, Dr. Tia Manning; four grandchildren, Cereena Madison, 11, Myles Gabriel, 7, Danielle Victoria, 4 and Malcolm Hayden, 3; one aunt and a host of cousins, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, and friends too numerous to name.



Recessional

“I’ll Fly Away”

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*Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away; To a home on God's celestial
shore, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

Chorus

*I'll fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

2.

*When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

Chorus

3.

*Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away; to a land where joy shall
never end, I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

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***Pall Bearers
Family and Friends***

PART OF ME

*I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday and the day before that too,
I think of you in silence. I often say your name.
But all I have are memories and your picture in a frame,
Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part.
God has you in His keeping. I have you in my heart.
I shed tears for what might have been.*

A million times I've cried.

*If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly. In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place no one can ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone.
For part of me went with you, the day God took you home.*

- Author Unknown

REPAST

Spain Inn

1707 W, 7th Street at Rock Avenue
Piscataway, NJ 08854
2:30 PM

Acknowledgements

The family would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the love and good wishes given to Ronald during his illness. It has been a comfort to us to know that he was loved by so many family members and good friends. We would also like to thank everyone for the well wishes, kind acts and support during this difficult time.

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