

*The Celebration of Life
for*



Jerome Guess

Sunrise
March 18, 1936

Sunset
November 10, 2015

Service

Thursday, November 19, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Saint James A.M.E. Church

588 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Rev. Ronald L. Slaughter, Senior Pastor

Obituary

On Tuesday, November 10, 2015, **Jerome Guess** transitioned from labor to reward. He was born in Newark, New Jersey, March 18, 1936 to the late Albert and Helen Guess. He was predeceased by a sister, Jean Bolden and brother, Albert Jr.

Jerome was educated in the Newark Public Schools. At Central High School, he became a member of the Los Casadores (sportsman) social club. Jerome went on to attend Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio as well as Fairleigh Dickerson in Rutherford, New Jersey. While at Central State, he pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Eta Gamma Chapter.

Jerome served with distinction in the United States Air Force as an Airman 1st Class. He served in Africa and stateside for four and a half years receiving an honorable discharge.

Jerome worked for Public Service Gas as an appliance specialist for thirty-one years. As a youngster he joined St. James AME Church and became an avid boy scout. He rededicated himself to Christian service in 1999 and immensely enjoyed the men's bible study.

In 1958 Jerome was joined in marriage to Paulette Toombs and to this union two children were born.

Jerome was a hands on father and served as President of the PTA at Elmwood Elementary School and as a coach for the little league recreation. He was also a jazz enthusiast, loved to travel and enjoyed trips to Atlantic City.

In his later years he took great joy in spending time with his grandson, Jerod. He leaves to celebrate his life and legacy his devoted wife, Paulette; son, Todd (Debra); daughter, Terri (Anthony Smith, devoted friend); grandsons, Jerod and Arthur; Goddaughter, Joye Allen; Godson, Phillip Garretson; loving aunt, Eleanor Rowe; three nieces, one nephew and a host of relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted
The Family

Order of Service

Dr. Jacqueline Reeves, Presiding

Musical Prelude Bro. Kyle Smith

Processional Clergy and Family

Selection “My Tribute”
Sis. Jean James

Prayer of Comfort Dr. Jacqueline Reeves

Scripture Readings Dr. Mary White Williams
Old Testament - Psalm 61
New Testament - John 14:1-4

Solo “High Places”
Bro. Marcos Guess

Resolution and Acknowledgements Sis. Dollie Sherrod

Remarks/Family Tribute Bro. Melvin Taylor
Sis. Gwen Garretson
Sis. Terri Guess

Obituary (Read Silently)

Solo “Stand”
Sis. Jean James

Eulogy Rev. Ronald Slaughter

Recessional Clergy and Family

Entombment
Fairmount Mausoleum
Newark, New Jersey



Alzheimer's Poem

Do not ask me to remember, do not try
to make me understand let me rest and
know you're with me. Kiss my cheek
and hold my hand. I'm confused beyond
your concept I'm sad and sick and lost
all I know is that I need you to be with
me at all cost. Do not lose your patience
with me, do not scold or curse my cry I
can't help the way I'm acting, can't be
different though I try just remember that
I need you. The best of me is gone.

Please don't fail to stand beside me.
Love me til my life is done.

Writer Unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was
shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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