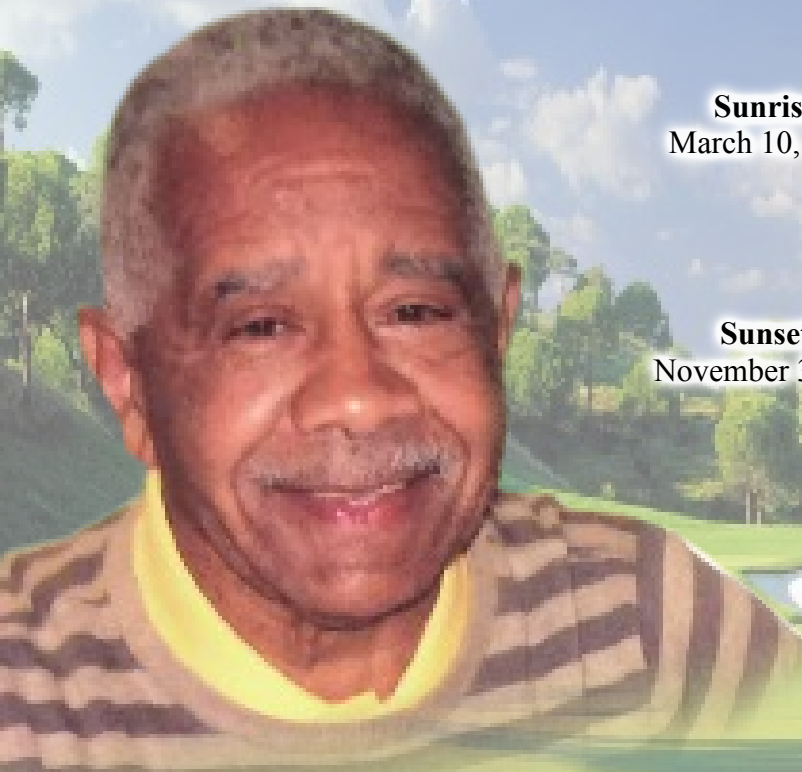


*Homegoing Celebration*  
*For*  
*Eric J. Tarver, Sr.*



**Sunrise:**  
March 10, 1939

**Sunset:**  
November 30, 2015



*Service*

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 ~ 11:00 am

***St. Marks A.M.E. Church***

34 High Street

Cranford, New Jersey

***Rev. Wilfred D. Lewis, Pastor***

***Rev. Milton T. Mason, Associate Pastor***

## *Life Reflections*

*Eric John Tarver, Sr.* was born on March 10, 1939 in Plainfield, New Jersey, son of Mamie Tarver and the late Peter Tarver. He was raised in Cranford, New Jersey where he excelled in football and track at Cranford High School. He resided there for 69 years.

On October 28, 1957, Eric married his beloved Brenda and was blessed with 58 years of love, joy, and friendship. They were also blessed with 3 wonderful children and 8 grandchildren. Eric and Brenda moved to O'Fallon, Missouri 7 years ago to be near their children and grandchildren.

Eric was an Auto/Volkswagen Technician for Jenewein Motors and Douglas Motors. He worked the last few years at Carter Wallace Pharmaceutical and retired in 2001. Eric was an Assistant Coach for Pop Warner and Little League Baseball teams. He loved sports especially playing all major sports with his sons, nephews and neighborhood kids when they were growing up. After retiring, his favorite sport became golf. He also loved building furniture, remodeling and landscaping the yard. Eric could repair and fix almost everything. He had a great knack for decorating.

On Monday, November 30, 2015, Eric John Tarver, Sr. answered the Master's call at the age of seventy-six.

Eric leaves to cherish fond memories, his devoted wife of 58 years, Brenda Tarver; daughter, Hollee Smith and husband, Harry of O'Fallon, MO; 2 sons: Eric John Tarver, Jr. and wife, LaTanya of St. Charles, MO and Todd Tarver and wife, Michele of O'Fallon, MO; wonderful mother, Mamie Tarver of Cranford, NJ; brother, Harold Tarver of Oceanside, CA; eight grandchildren: Austin, Kendall, Brook Smith; Logan Tarver; Todd, Jr., Brandon, Morgan and Devyn Tarver; sisters-in-law, Bernice Mason, Mary Mayer of King George, VA and Evelyn Mayer of Mountainside, NJ; brothers-in-law, Milton Mason of Cranford, NJ, Norman Morse of Westfield, NJ, and Ernest Vaughan of Plainfield, NJ; god-daughters: Bonnie White of Scotch Plains, NJ, Michelle Daniels of Cranford, NJ, and Jasmine Martinez of Westfield, NJ; and a host of dear nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Humbly submitted,  
The Family

# Order Of Service

*Rev. Wilfred D. Lewis, Officiating*

Organ Prelude..... Mattie Walker  
Processional..... Clergy & Family  
Parting View  
Opening Hymn.... "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"..... Congregation  
Scripture Reading  
    Old Testament: Psalm 23..... Rev. Rosetta Mason  
Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Wilfred D. Lewis  
Solo  
Words of Comfort..... Rev. Wilfred D. Lewis  
Expressions from the Family ..... Todd Tarver, Jr.  
Acknowledgement of Condolences..... Rev. Rosetta Mason  
Obituary..... Todd Tarver, Sr.  
Selection  
Eulogy..... Rev. Ernest Vaughan, Jr.  
Recessional

*The Resting Place*  
Fairview Cemetery  
Westfield, New Jersey

## *Repast*

*Immediately following the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to a  
Repast at The Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey.*

*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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Pallbearers

Todd Tarver, Jr.	Milton Mason, Jr.
Austin Smith	Eric Mason
Brandon Tarver	David Mason

*His Journey's Just Begun*

*Don't think of him as gone away his journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets this earth is only one.*

*Just think of him as resting from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.*

*Think how he must be wishing that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness can really pass away.*

*And think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost and he was loved so much.*

*Acknowledgement*

The family of **Eric John Tarver, Sr.** acknowledges with the deepest appreciation, every expression of love, support and prayers expressed to us during our hours of bereavement.

Your prayers were a great source of strength and comfort.

May God continue to bless you.

