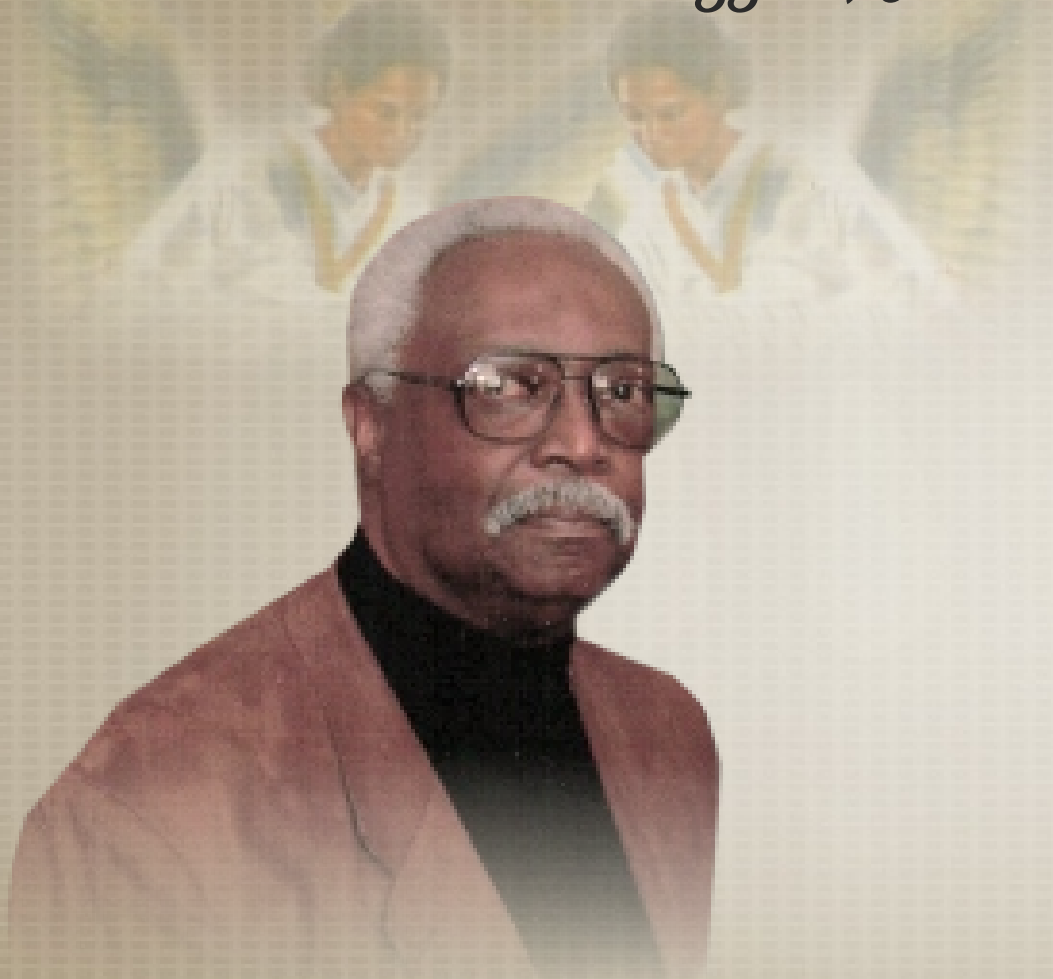


*In Loving Memory of  
Nelson Nathaniel Liggins, Jr.*



**Sunrise**  
**August 7, 1941**

**Sunset**  
**December 10, 2015**

**Memorial Service:**  
*Tuesday, December 15, 2015 - 3:00 pm*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey 07050

**Reverend Jean Max Osias, Officiating**

## Obituary

**Nelson Nathaniel Liggins, Jr.** was born on August 7, 1941 in Powhatan, Virginia. He was the son of Annie Alberta Royal Liggins and Nelson Nathaniel Liggins, Sr.

He received his formal education in the public school systems in the city of his birth and graduated from Powhatan High School.

In 1964, Nelson relocated to New Jersey and New Jersey was his home for the rest of his life.

After a 4 year engagement, to Nancy Ann Burgisser, the love of his life, in 1976 they were married. They soon became the proprietors of Olsen's Florist of Orange. Nelson was a gentle man and made "BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS FOR BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE." That was Nelson's motto.

Nelson loved to fish and was a great fisherman. He loved to fish off the pier at Keansburg. He was such a good fisherman, his catch was always greater than others.

He was a member of the N.R.A. he secured the appropriate permits and collected all sorts of old guns and hand guns. He never used them but was proud of his collector items. He was also a lover of music, especially blues music. He took music lessons in Montclair, in hopes of being able to play "blues" like his Dad. Nelson was a man of many interests. Another of his great interests was cars, especially antique cars. Antique cars were his passion.

He was the Beloved Nephew of Mary Alice Royal of Virginia. Cousin to many in the Royal family.

Nelson met Father Max for Our Lady Help of Christians, Holy Spirit and was happy to have made new friends and enjoyed making flowers every Sunday to decorate the altar. He special friend at the church was Yolette Reseau who prayed for him daily.

Nelson was a kind and gentle man who made friends easily. Many friends will be here from out of state, Bettie Sawlaws from Michigan, from South Jersey Debbie Herrock - goddaughter and friends from all around.

There is no question, that Nelson will be missed for a very long time.

He is survived by his wife, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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*1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the \*worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the \*rolling thunder,*

*Thy pow’r thru-out the universe displayed!*

*Then sing my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art (bis)*

*2. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation.  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art.*

**Opening Prayer of Consolation**

**Scripture Reading 1:**

A reading from the Second Book Wisdom 3:1-6,9

Psalm 16: You are in my inheritance of Lord

**Hymn: “Jesus Remember Me”**

Jesus remember me when you come into Your kingdom (2x)

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Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

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Prayers: response after each prayer - Lord have mercy.

**Personal tributes**





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# Order of Mass

Entrance Music (Prelude)

Processional..... Clerk with Family Members

Hymn ..... “How Great Thou Art”

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Psalm 16: You are my inheritance of Lord ..... Ms. G. Pierre

Scripture Reading: Wisdom 3:6-9 ..... Mr. Wilson Monestime

Hymn ..... “Jesus Remember Me”

Gospel Reading: Mathieu 5:1-12a ..... Reverend Jean Max Osias

Eulogy.....Reverend Jean Max Osias, Pastor  
Holy Spirit, Our Lady Help of Christians  
17 North Clinton Street  
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Prayers

Personal Tributes

The Lord’s Prayer .....(Please join hands as we support each other in our grief)

Hymn ..... “Amazing Grace”

Obituary ..... Ms. Y. Reseau

Prayer of Commendation

Final Thoughts

Acknowledgement/Reception Invitation

Concluding Remarks

Recessional Hymn ..... “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”

## **REPAST:**

*The family requests that you join them for repast at:  
Ebenezer Baptist Church  
153 William Street (Near the cross section of William and Park Streets)  
Orange, New Jersey 07050*

## MY HUSBAND

**MY HUSBAND WAS A BLESSING,**  
sent from heaven above  
A gift from God for all of us to love.  
A helping hand that was always there,  
a loving friend and husband  
who you know would always care.

**MY HUSBAND, WHAT A BLESSING,**  
Forever a comfort  
when things didn't go right  
An angel watching over me at night

**MY HUSBAND, WHAT A BLESSING,**  
Always tried to do his best  
To give us all better days,  
He set example for us, all the way  
Remembering always  
to serve God and pray

**MY HUSBAND, WHAT A BLESSING,**  
Good husbands never die,  
They live with God eternally  
And one day we will meet again  
How happy we will be.

**MY HUSBAND, WHAT A BLESSING.**

### Acknowledgement

Special thanks to Renia Crockett and Eileen Dabney, Gene & Jazz Garrity and The Robinson family. Especially Mrs. Carol Robinson for cooking and helping him up and down the stairs and taking him to the doctor. And most especially his extra special friend and helper, Sissy and we thank Dr. Ganesh and Dr. K. Tavia and Staff for all their help in keeping him with us over his many years of illness.

However, this time it was impossible,  
"BECAUSE THE ANGELS CAME".

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