

Celebrating The Life of
Leonard Matthews

Sunrise
January 17, 1925

Sunset
December 10, 2015



Friday, December 18, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.

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163 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

*Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell, Officiating
Myron Smith, Organist*



Obituary

Leonard Matthews was born in the Bronx, NY on January 17, 1925 to Joseph Matthews of Trinidad, and Marrison Bassette of Bermuda.

The family moved to Newark, NJ, where Leonard attended Monmouth St. School and South Side High School (Malcolm X Shabazz).

In 1945, he joined the Army and was honorably discharged in 1947. He was proud to be one of the surviving World War II Veterans.

Leonard was employed by the Pendaflex Corporation, for twenty-eight years. He married Mary E. Hicks on December 20, 1975 and enjoyed their union until her passing.

Leonard was a faithful member of Union Baptist Church, Elizabeth, NJ and took great pride in serving as an usher.

A man of many talents, he was the family photographer, historian and a man of his word. Leonard was a news buff. He kept a detailed journal of his daily activities and enjoyed a Hershey bar (or two) each day.

Leonard was a kind, caring man whose life is reflected in the lyrics made famous by Mahalia Jackson - "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living will not be in vain. If I can do my duty as a Christian ought..."

Leonard was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, his parents, and four siblings, Edith, Joseph, Evelyn and George.

Leonard leaves to mourn his passing: his sister, Betty Smith; nieces, Catherine (Ledford) Jackson and Stephanie Smith; nephew, Walter (Butch) Matthews; grand nieces and nephews, Donna, Geoffrey, Eric, Barry and Marrison Jackson; special friends, Sue Coleman, Jerome Baker and Albert Watley; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Myron Smith

Seating of The Family.....The Funeral Director

Hymn of Comfort.....“Amazing Grace”

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 121.....Marrissa Jackson

New Testament - John 14:1-6.....Donna Jackson

Solo“If I Can Help Somebody”.....Tyrone Dunlap

Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....Catherine Jackson

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Solo.....“The Wind Beneath My Wings”.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell

Franklin St. John’s United Methodist Church

Newark, New Jersey

Recessional..... “Take Me To The King”.....Clergy and Family

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery

408 Orange Road

Montclair, New Jersey

The Measure of A Man

Not - How did he die? But - How did he live?
Not - What did he gain? But - What did he give?

These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not - What was his station? But - had he a heart?
And - How did he play his God-given part?

Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer?
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

Not - What was his church? Not - What was his creed?
But - Had he befriended those really in need?

Not - What did the sketch in the newspaper say?
But - How many were sorry when he passed away?

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Acknowledgement

*The family of **Leonard Matthews** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God richly bless you.*

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