



**Homegoing Service
For
Deacon Michael L. Franklin**

**Sunrise
September 26, 1950**

**Sunset
January 10, 2016**

SERVICE FUNERAL:
Saturday, January 16, 2016
TEN O'CLOCK AM

***Community House of Prayer
Church of Christ Disciples of Christ
367-369 So. Orange Ave.
Newark, NJ 07103
Loretta L. Stevens, Pastor***



Order of Service

Officiator..... Pastor Martin Wilson

ProcessionalClergy and Family

Hymn..... I'm On the Battlefield

Comfort from the Word
Old Testament - Psalms 90:112.....Mother Evelyn Ward
New Testament - II Cor. 5:19.....Bro. L. DaVante' Pinckney

Prayer of ComfortEvang. Annie Waller

Selection..... Evang. Annie Waller

Words of ComfortMrs. Michele Jackson Bundy
Elder Morris Franklin
Sis. Mary Parisien
Ms. Tosha Downing Franklin

SelectionSis. Naomi and Morrissa Stevens

Acknowledgements & Obituary..... Sis. Diane Ward

Sermonic Selection..... Community House of Prayer

Proclamation of the WordPastor Loretta L. Stevens

Invitation to Christ/BenedictionPastor Loretta L. Stevens

RecessionalClergy and Family

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
1900 Galloping Hill Rd
Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033

Obituary

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MICHAEL LAWRENCE FRANKLIN was born on September 26, 1950 to the Late Charles Payne and Jeanette Franklin in Philadelphia, PA. He went to his heavenly home on January 10, 2016 after a long illness. He was educated in the Philadelphia, PA, Newark, NJ and Salem, NJ School systems. After high school, he attended Kilmer Job Corp. in Edison, NJ. Dea. Franklin was married to the late Inel Mayers in 1969, they resided in Salem, NJ before moving to Wilmington, Delaware. Out of that union he fathered three children, Derrick, Portia, and Natasha. Later, he married Melody Wilson of Wilmington, Delaware and out of that union he fathered four sons, Raymon, Rocky, Raymel and Raymere.

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He had several places of employment most notably Browning, Ferris Industries (BFI) where he work for approximately nineteen years before he retired due to illness. He also worked at H.J. Heinz, and Anchor Hockings in Salem, New Jersey.

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Dea. Franklin gave his heart to the Lord after hearing the gospel at Apostolic Christian Tabernacle, Wilmington, Delaware under the leadership of Bishop Cleophus Wilson and Bishop Martin Wilson. His walk with the Lord was strengthened when he joined Community House of Prayer, Newark, New Jersey under the ministry of the late Elder John and Evangelist Loretta Stevens. Dea. Franklin was a man of great faith. The Lord delivered him from the valley of death eight times and he never hesitated to tell the goodness of Jesus. His praises were electrifying, contagious and full of sincere gratitude as the tears flowed from his eyes while thinking of the blessings that God bestowed upon him.

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Dea. Franklin was a father indeed. He loved his children and with every prayer, he prayed for their protection, salvation and success. His wisdom, words and stories (sincere or humorous) will be remembered for guidance throughout their lives. As a deacon of Community House of Prayer, he eagerly attended and rarely missed services and bible study when his health allowed. He loved the Word of God and giving his input during our studies.

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Dea. Franklin also had a great sense of humor. You can always count on him to say something totally off the wall whenever you were in his presence. His humor brightened many days and encouraged many hearts. Dea. Franklin, Michael, had a brilliant mind. His favorite TV program was Jeopardy. He knew all the answers without hesitation. Those that knew him loved him. He will be surely missed, however, he left a legacy of love, laughter and a true relationship with Christ. His desire was for all to know the God he served and he was not ashamed to tell everyone he met.

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Michael was a man of wisdom. He shared his stories of his past experiences that someone would know that God is a deliverer. He never failed to let anyone that would listen, know that God is a loving God, one that will turn a stony heart to a heart of love. As the family celebrates his life and mourns his death, they remember him ending almost every conversation with, "I Love You, MAN!"

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Michael was preceded in death by his mother, Jeanette Franklin Carter, stepfather, Morris Carter, and brother, Gregory Franklin. He leaves to mourn two sisters, Miriam Doyle and Loretta Stevens both of Elizabeth, New Jersey and two brothers, Morris Franklin of North Richland Hills, Texas, and Adonis Carter of Orange, New Jersey. He also leaves to mourn seven children, Raymon A. Wilson Franklin, Rocky Wilson, Portia Grier, Natasha Franklin Downing (Durell Downing) and Derrick Mayers, Raymel Wilson Jackson, and Raymere Wilson Jackson all of Wilmington, Delaware; nine Grandchildren and five great grandchildren; two very dear friends, Diane Ward of Paterson, NJ and Michele Jackson Bundy of Wilmington, Delaware, and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, brothers and sisters in Christ.

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For My Big Brother, Michael Franklin

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*You showed me a lot of things,
I learned a lot I didn't know,
But you forgot to teach me one last thing
How to let you go,
I know you didn't mean to leave us.
Sometimes we have no choice,
I miss being your little sister,
Hearing my name called by your voice,
I'm glad I got to say "I Love You"
Before you went to your heavenly home,
If God could grant me one last wish
before you closed your eyes,
I'd ask him if I could say "Goodbye"
until I meet you on the other side.
You always meant a lot to me,
I could never love you less,
I Know It's True When They Say
"HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST"
Much Love, Loretta (Your Baby Sister)*



Thank You

*Perhaps you sang a lovely sing, or sat quietly in a chair
Perhaps you sent some lovely flowers if so, we saw them there
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us this day
Whatever you did to console our hearts. We thank you so much, whatever the part.*

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