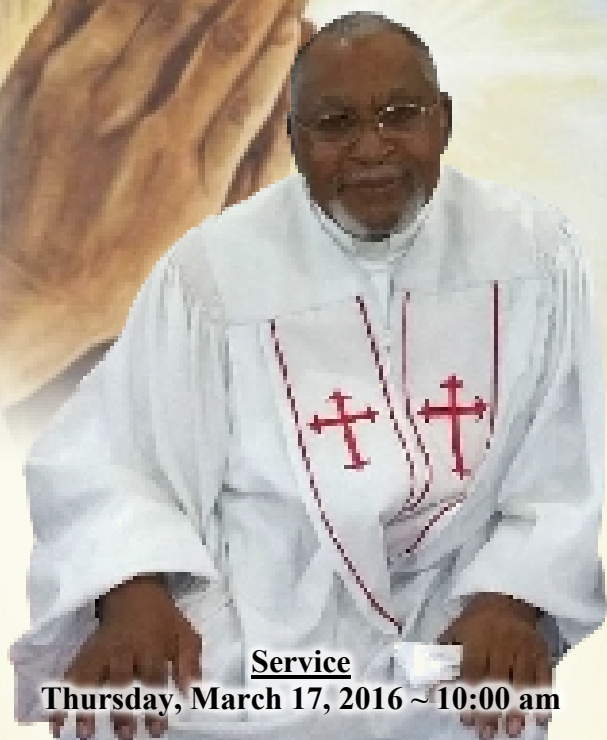


**Celebrating the Life
and Legacy
of**

Reverend Milton T. Mason, Sr.

**Sunrise
February 12, 1932**

**Sunset
March 12, 2016**



Service

Thursday, March 17, 2016 ~ 10:00 am

**St. Marks A.M.E. Church
34 High Street
Cranford, New Jersey
Reverend Wilfred D. Lewis, Pastor**

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Mattie Walker

Processional

A Parting View

Opening Hymn.....“Holy Holy Holy”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Rev. Ernest Vaughn, Jr.

New Testament.....Rev. Rosetta Mason

Prayer of Comfort

Solo.....“Amazing Grace”.....Rosalind Cortina

Words of Comfort

Expressions from Family.....Milton T. Mason, Jr., son

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary.....Eric G. Mason, son

Solo.....“O Hail King Jesus”.....Rosalind Cortina

Eulogy.....Reverend Wilfred D. Lewis

Recessional.....“Let The Church Say Amen”

Resting Place

Monday, March 27, 2016 ~ 10:30 am

Brigadier Gen. William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery

Wrightstown, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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Reflections of Life

Reverend Milton T. Mason, Sr. was born on February 12, 1932 in New York City, New York, son of the late Joseph and Juliette Mason. He graduated from Textile High School in New York in 1949. Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served as a Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division until his honorable discharge in 1954.

Reverend Mason married Bernice Mayer on January 5, 1952 and they moved to Cranford, New Jersey after his service in the Army. They were blessed with five children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In 1972, Reverend Mason was ordained as a Minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Since his ordination, he served the St. Mark's A.M.E. Church in Cranford as an Associate Pastor until his passing.

Reverend Mason was a distinguished member of the Cranford Police Department prior to his retirement in 1997 after twenty-eight years of service. He rose through the ranks of the department to the position of Detective Lieutenant, and was the Commander of the Juvenile Division. In 1967, Reverend Mason was honored with the Cranford Jaycees "Outstanding Young Man of the Year Award" regarding his work in bringing the Child Shield Program to the Township of Cranford. This program resulted in several hundred Child Shield placards being placed in the homes of residents willing to assist youngsters in trouble. During his law enforcement career, Lieutenant Mason received numerous citations and commendations for exemplary service. Most notably, he received the 200 Club of Union County Valor Award for his role in capture of a subject wanted for the armed robbery of a Cranford Bank in 1983. Lieutenant Mason served as a member of several professional organizations including the Union County Juvenile Officers Association as Past President. He also served as a member of the Cranford Juvenile Conference Committee. Lieutenant

Mason was appointed by former Governor Tom Kean to the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect.

In 1984, the Cranford Clergy Council presented Reverend Mason with their "Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award" for his years of service to the youth of Cranford and to his faith community.

In his early years, Reverend Mason was an amateur boxer. In 1959, he won the Lightweight Division of the New Jersey Golden Gloves Tournament.

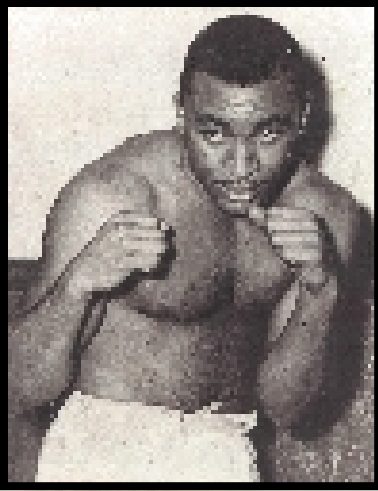
Reverend Mason was a member of Acacia Lodge #23, P.H.A. in Roselle, New Jersey. He served as Past Worshipful Master and Past Assistant Grand Chaplain of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

On Saturday, March 12, 2016, Reverend Milton T. Mason, Sr. answered the Master's call at the age of 84.

He was predeceased by his sister, Winifred Mason; and brothers: Weldon and Stanley Mason.

Reverend Mason leaves to cherish fond memories, his devoted wife of sixty-four years, Bernice Mason; daughters: Laura Graves and husband, Harry of White Marsh, MD, and Bonnie White and husband, Roshan of Scotch Plains, NJ; sons: Milton T. Mason, Jr. and wife, Elizabeth of Roselle, NJ, Eric Mason and wife, Patricia of Scotch Plains, NJ, and David Mason and wife, Jennifer of Somerset, NJ; grandchildren: Kristopher, Erica, Timothy and Michelle Mason, Christelle Mason, Kobe and Kaci White, and Harry Graves III; sisters-in-law, Brenda Tarver of O'Fallon, MO, Mary Mayer of King George, VA, and Evelyn Mayer of Mountainside, NJ; brother-in-law, Ernest Vaughan of Plainfield, NJ; godson, Todd Tarver of O'Fallon, MO; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Humbly submitted,
The Family



“Well Done”

*Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ.
The battle fought, the victory won.
Enter the Master's joy.
The pains of death are past.
Labors and sorrows cease.
And life's long warfare closed at last.
The soul's found in peace.*

Pallbearers

Kristopher G. Mason
Timothy G. Mason
Todd G. Tarver

Harry Graves, III
David Mason II
Kobe White

Honorary Pallbearers

John Grice
Bruce Smith

Isaiah Graves
James McCauley

“To Say Goodbye”

*To say goodbye is not the end
To all my family and friends
For life goes on, you must endure
For my eternity is sure.
Remember all the good times
The memories we've shared
The precious jewels of laughter
The tender love and care.
I found my resting place
God's peace surrounds my soul
Let love abound in all your hearts
Let heaven be your goal.*

~ Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of **Reverend Milton T. Mason, Sr.** acknowledges with the deepest appreciation every thought and act of kindness to us this time of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God bless each of you.

