

Celebration of Life for
Donald C. Winfrey

Sunrise
January 10, 1953

Sunset
April 13, 2016



Friday, April 22, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH
535 Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham Way
Paterson, New Jersey
Rev. Barry Graham, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Donald Cornell Winfrey was born January 10, 1953 in Rich Square NC. His family later moved to and settled in Paterson NJ. He was known to many as “Don”, “Dorn”, “Point” and “Steve”. He graduated from Eastside High School and later attended Paterson Community College. He began his career at Inmont Corporation in 1978 in Hawthorne NJ as a technical liaison for quality control and production, working with the specialty colorants division. Later in 1978, he accepted a technical with Planter’s Life Savers Company; a division of Nabisco/Kraft. In a short period of time, he was promoted to a research technician. He accomplished many things while with the company; most notably co-inventing a process to enhance the flavor of roasted nuts and modified textured products that was approved by the patent office on July 14, 2015. Prior to this accomplishment, Don was recognized at a special ceremony in Chicago, Illinois. Don worked for the company until August 12, 2015, holding the position of Senior Technician Specialist.

Don and his family moved to Tobyhanna, PA in 1996. His infectious demeanor (along with his peanuts and cookies) made him a favorite amongst family, neighbors, and locals. His authentic and genuine personality, along with his insistence on lending a hand, were some of the qualities that made Don such a remarkable man. Don remained in the Pocono’s until 2012. He then moved to Springfield NJ, where he remained until May 2014.

Don was selfless. His inclination to sacrifice his well being for the sake of others is the hallmark of his legacy. He will be remembered, amongst other things, like his keen ability to make others laugh and feel at ease; more importantly though, he will be appreciated for remaining, unapologetically Don. He was one of a kind. Don moved to Evanston, Illinois in May 2014. He remained there until he departed this life on April 13, 2016.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Walter John Winfrey and Dorothy C. Winfrey and his grandparents: Mae Fannie and Thomas Curry and an uncle-in-law: Jack Boone.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his four children: Natasha Winfrey of Emeryville, CA, Nichola Scott of Union NJ, Michelle Winfrey and Kyle Winfrey both of Woodbridge VA: five sisters, Dianna of Cincinnati, OH, Joyce of Elmwood Park, NJ, Cheryl, Joan and Karen all of Paterson, NJ: two brothers: Danny (Janine) of Alpharetta, GA, Michael (Faith) of Paterson, NJ; Three grandchildren: Brijanna Dianna, Elijah and Taylor. He also leaves an uncle; Thomas (Shirley) Curry of Cresco, PA, three aunts; Mabel Curry, Shirley Gatling (Charles) Fannie Boone, all of Rich square, NC he also leaves a special cousin Reginald and a special co worker “Maxie” in addition to a number of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

*“His voice would fill up the building
and his laughter would carry on forever.” - Helen Duddy*

“Don was a great man, a good friend and great colleague” - Catherine Chen

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort
Rev. Barry Graham

Recessional





God looked around his garden and
found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the
earth and saw your tired face,
He put his hands on your heart and
lifted you to rest.

Gods' garden must be a work of
art, he always takes the best!
He knew that you were suffering,
he knew you were in pain,
but where he has taken you,
there will be no more rain.

He saw the road you traveled, and the fact you gave all you could
So he figured he'd let you rest, as he should.
The hills you approached were hard to climb, so he closed your eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine"!

It breaks our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone
Because part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
I keep hearing your voice say "grieve not for me",
just remember and treasure the best times, laughter, and songs.

The good life I lived while I was strong
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you!
Keep smiling and the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest
Remember me and how I truly was blessed
Continue traditions, no matter how small
Go on with your lives and don't be afraid to fall.
I miss you all dearly, so keep your heads high
We will see each other again one day, I swear, no lie.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Donald C. Winfrey** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this time of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!

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