

*In Loving Memory of*



*Earl Eugene Singleton*

*Sunrise: January 25, 1952*

*Sunset: June 24, 2016*

Service

*Friday, July 1, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.*

**MOTHER AME ZION CHURCH**

140-6 W. 137th Street • New York, NY 10030

*The Reverend Mr. Cecil Muschette*

# Obituary

**Earl Eugene Singleton** affectionately called "**Swing**", age 64 residing at 282 West 118th Street, New York, New York 10026, made his transition on June 24, 2016 at the James Peterson Veteran Hospital located in the Bronx, New York. Earl fought a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Earl was born on January 25, 1952 in Georgetown, South Carolina to the late Melvin Singleton, Sr. and Sarah Skinner. The family later moved to Paterson, New Jersey. Earl came from a loving family which consists of six siblings.

Earl was educated in Paterson, New Jersey school system, graduating in 1969 from John F. Kennedy High School. Shortly after graduation, Earl was drafted into the United States Army and served as a military police in which he stated that he stood guard at President Lyndon B. Johnson's funeral on January 22, 1973. Earl also excelled as a Sharp Shooter, Rifle and Pistol Marksman. He completed his tour of duty and was honorably discharged in 1974.

Earl at the request of his sister, Mary relocated to New York City, in which he accepted the responsibility of helping her with the caring of her three children. Earl was well known and every child and adult who had the pleasure of meeting him begin to immediately call him Uncle Earl. Earl was quite a character and we all can attest to our favorite Uncle Earl stories.

Earl was a "Jack of all trades", because God blessed him with the dexterity to master any job that was put before him. Earl was employed in various positions throughout his life mainly in the field of maintenance reaching to the level of superintendent in which he studied and received many licenses and certificates in his profession. He was gainfully employed with the following companies, White Mental Co., ARC, Kennedy Center, Housings 2000 and The Emmanuel Houses. Earl left a mark wherever he was employed. He had an easy going attitude and hard work ethics.

Earl met his life partner, his beloved wife, Travon in 1994, who stated that Earl was first my friend and confidant. Earl and Trey decided to join hands forever in Holy Matrimony on March 17, 2001. Earl knew he had a "jewel" because they both deeply cherished each other and Travon was there when he took his last breath on this earth.

Earl attended the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church for many years, serving as Deacon and later in the capacity of a Trustee.

He was a faithful member of the Boyer Lodge #1 for 22 years. Earl was extremely proud of his accomplishments, especially when he received the honor of being bestowed the highest of all a 33rd Degree Mason. He was the Worshipful Master in 2001 and was the Grand Marshal for many years. He rose to Grand Marshal Emeritus. He was known as the Marshal of all Marshals. Boy, all that knew him will truly miss the time when we would wait patiently each year to see him stride down the street in the African American Parade with that big grin on his face waving cheerfully to everyone as they holler out "Uncle Earl, Uncle Earl" from beginning to the end of the parade.

Earl leaves to cherish his memory: his faithful wife, Travon; their daughter, Travon; two loving grandchildren, Jermani and Kendell; mother-in-law, Carrie Mae Fox; father-in-law, James Williams and grandmother-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Gordon; siblings, John L. Singleton of Maplewood, NJ, Henry V. Singleton (Ellen) of Coconut Creek, FL, Mary D. Christiani (Dorrien) of New York City, Janet Clark (Louis) of Clifton, NJ and Diane (Tyrone) of Brooklyn, NY and Cathy Singleton of Trenton, NJ, wife of Melvin, Jr.; only surviving aunt and uncle, Theodore and Marthenia of Anderson, SC; brothers-in-law, Arnold, Terrence Raymond, Joseph and Darryl; sisters-in-law, Ramona, Ursula, Quesha and Shamecca; several nephews, nieces and great nephews and nieces; and a host of cousins and countless friends. Earl was predeceased in death by his brother, Melvin Singleton, Jr., mother, Sarah Skinner Singleton and father, Melvin Singleton, Sr.

# Order of Service

## The Liturgy

- The Processional .....*Standing*
- The Invocation .....*The Reverend Mr. Cecil Muschette*
- The Opening Hymn.....*Insert..... “When We All Get To Heaven” 560*
- The Old Testament Scripture..... *Minister*
- The New Testament Scripture.....*Minister*
- The Prayer of Comfort..... *The Reverend Mr. Cecil Muschette*
- The Reflections from the Community and Church..... *3 Minutes in Length*
- The Selection
- The Acknowledgement and Resolutions
- The Obituary..... *Read Silently*
- The Selection
- The Sermon .....*The Reverend Mr. Cecil Muschette*
- The Recessional .....*Standing*

### Honorary Pallbearers

Louis Clark	Darryl Fox
John Singleton	Henry Singleton
Detrell Singleton	Dorrien Christiani
Kevin Gaddy	Tyrone Groce
Arnold Fox	

### Interment

*Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York*

# Brother Michael Barker - P.H.G.

(June 24, 2016)

Earl was more than just a friend  
A brother he was too...I  
Remember him while on the 'square'  
Leveled... 'House of Blue'...yet  
Signs and symbols...and certain 'grips'  
Indeed...creates the bond...but  
Nothing greater is the 'light'  
God takes each man beyond...for  
Loyal friends...like roads that bend...is  
Eternal...and can not die.  
The flesh we knew as Brother Earl  
Only withers...please don't cry...as spirits live...and  
Now and then...will pass on to another, behold...approaching from the East,  
God welcomes 'home' our Brother.

## "Farewell Dear Earl"

From a Loving Wife to Her Beloved Husband

I'll never say, "Goodbye, my love"

We'll always be together

I'll see you with the morning sun

In every kind of weather

I'll see you in the darkest night

Whenever I feel blue

I'll see you when I choose to smile

And fondly think of you

So rest, my love...and sleep in peace

I'll never say, "Goodbye"

Instead, I say, "Farewell...Dear Earl"

And hold my breath...and sigh

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation  
all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

*May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

*The Family would like to extend a special thanks to his friends, Paul Henderson  
and Kevin Gaddy (Brigette) and the Boyer Lodge #1.*

*And a special thanks to the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church.*

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