

*Celebrating the Life*  
*Of*  
*Elijah McDuffie, Jr.*  
*"Mack"*

*Sunrise:*  
October 26, 1933

*Sunset:*  
July 13, 2016



*Service*  
Tuesday, July 19, 2016 ~ 11:00 am

*Antioch A.M.E. Zion Church*

900 East Baltimore Avenue  
Linden, New Jersey 07036

*Rev. Mozelle R. Clyburn, Pastor*

## *Life Reflections*

*Elijah "Mack" McDuffie, Sr.* was born on October 26, 1933 in Oswego, South Carolina, son of the late Mattie and Elias McDuffie. "Mack," as he was affectionately called by his family and friends. At a young age, he accepted the Lord and attended Mechanicsville United Methodist Church in Sumter, South Carolina and loved playing the guitar with his two brothers, "Bird" and "Shot," and their band was called "The McDuffie Brothers."

Mack met the love of his life, Dorothy in Sumter, South Carolina. On July 10, 1954, they married and were blessed with children and 62 years of marriage. Elijah and his family relocated to Linden, New Jersey.

Mack retired from Ringo Paper Company in Harrison, New Jersey. Previously, he was employed at Celatex Company in Linden for over 20 years.

He was affectionately known as the "Block Watcher" because he was very keen about the safety of his neighbors and others. He also was very passionate about the maintenance of his vehicles. You could always catch him outside cleaning his car or sitting on the porch outside of his home.

On Wednesday, July 13, 2016, Elijah "Mack" McDuffie, Sr. answered the Master's call after a brief illness in Rahway at the age of eighty-two. Mack was preceded in death by his brother, Joshua McDuffie; and two daughters, Brenda McDuffie and Jerolyn Anderson.

He will be greatly missed by his devoted and loving wife of 62 years, Dorothy McDuffie; children: Danny (Patsy), Ronnie (Crystal), Marvin (Janice), Elijah Jr., Richard Collands, Wanda Biera, and Loretta McDuffie (Charles); one brother, Joseph McDuffie; two sisters, Queen Bolden and Mabel Gass; 23 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and a host of dear relatives and friends.

Humbly submitted,  
The Family

# Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Prayer of Invocation.....Rev. Mozelle R. Clyburn

Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance” #504

Scriptures

*Old Testament: 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm*

*New Testament: II Corinthians 5:1-8*

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Chris Roberson

Selection.....Choir

Reflections.....Family & Friends

Acknowledgement of Condolences

and Resolutions & Obituary.....Susan Braxton

Solo.....Monique Mark

Eulogy.....Rev. Mozelle R. Clyburn

Recessional.....“Soon and Very Soon”

## **Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

*Immediately after the Interment, Friends are invited to join the  
Family in the Church’s Dining Hall for a Repast.*

*Services Entrusted To:*

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## Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **Elijah McDuffie, Sr.**

# The Last Request

*Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in.*

*Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win.*

*Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best.*

*Just say I tried to what's right, to give the most I could, not do less. Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due.*

*Please don't give flowers, or talk in real hushed tones.*

*Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God; I've made it home. Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done. Just see to all my family's needs, especially the little ones.*

*When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint.*

*I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paint. Not just the bright and light tones, use some grey and dark. In fact, don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart. Don't just remember good times, but remember all the bad.*

*For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad.*

*But if you must do something, then I have one last request -*

*Forgive me for the wrongs I've done, and with the love that's left, Thank God for my soul's resting, thank God for I've been blessed. Thank God for all who loved me, praise God who loved me best.*

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Elijah McDuffie, Sr.** 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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