



A Celebration of Life for Bishop Eugene Rouse

**Sunrise
April 27, 1920**



**Sunset
August 8, 2016**

Thursday, August 25, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

TEMPLE OF RADIANT LIGHT

430 Franklin Street

Bloomfield, New Jersey

***Bishop Shammah Womack-El, Pastor
Officiating***



Reflections of Life

History tells us that many of our greatest leaders were called and chosen while they were yet children. Typically, leadership was determined by birth order or royal order through some type of physical or intellectual struggle for power. The first born son of an incumbent leader simply inherited his position and power. The children born into royal families were often chosen to be the heirs of the kings' thrones based on strength, courage, valor, brevity and wit.

In the Bible, we read about great leaders who were chosen as mere children for a specific charge such as Moses, whose life was spared as a babe to later lead the children of Israel on to victory. Samuel, who as a boy heard and answered the call to God and later became a great leader of his people; David conquered Goliath, the powerful giant, with his slingshot, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ confounded the most intellectual and philosophical minds of his day at the tender age of twelve. As we look at the life of **Elder Eugene Rouse** we can attest that even without his knowledge of it, God's hand was upon him nurturing and preparing him for a specific charge.

Elder Eugene Rouse was born in the county of Darlington, South Carolina, April 27, 1920 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Earnest and Elizabeth Rouse. He spent his early years in Darlington, South Carolina and attended Mayo High School. He was converted in his youth and also he met Anna Lee (Baker), and after falling in love they were united together in Holy Matrimony in 1940. To this union one son and one daughter were born.

In 1944, he came to New Jersey where he became a member of became a member of Saint James A.M.E. Church Newark and later the Metropolitan Baptist Church Newark under the leadership of Reverend B.F. Johnson.

In 1948, he sought a deeper experience in God and as a result he was sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit. It

was then when he became a member of Gospel Temple Church of God in Christ under the late Bishop B.H. Brodie, and served faithfully as a Sunday School Teacher and Deacon for eight years.

After being called to minister God's word, Elder Rouse was ordained in 1957 by the late Bishop O.M. Kelly. For thirty-eight years, he has sat at the feet of the great leaders of the Church of God in Christ and received an excellent Christian education.

Elder Rouse received his first charge from Bishop Courtney to come to Paterson, New Jersey in 1971. In December 1984, he organized and formed a new church which is now known as the Greater Mount Calvary Church of God Love In Christ.

With his wonderful wife by his side, he accomplished all that God had put in his heart to do.

He was employed by Otis Elevator (formerly of Harrison, NJ) for twenty-three years and Engelhard Industries Newark, for fifteen years before retiring in 1982.

Bishop Rouse was preceded in death by his beloved wife of seventy-five years, Anna Lee (Baker) Rouse on October 15, 2015, one daughter, Barbara Gene Bell, four brothers, Napoleon, Willie, Lennell and Maceo, two sisters, Carrie Alston and Edith Powell and a brother-in-law, Larry Baker.

Bishop and Mother Rouse will be remembered as two very nurturing, sharing persons who gave freely of themselves.

He departed this life to be with the Lord on Monday, August 8, 2016.

Bishop Rouse leaves to cherish precious memories: his one son, Sean Eugene Rouse of NYC; two sisters, Eloise Abddey of Atlanta, GA and Elizabeth Byrdsong of Richmond, VA; five grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and his beloved church family.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Rev. Shelby (Mack) Little

Acknowledgements & Remarks

(2 minutes each please)

Reflections of Life

Selection

Message of Comfort

Bishop Shammah Womack-El

Recessional

Entombment

Fairmount Cemetery

620 Central Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Bishop Eugene Rouse** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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