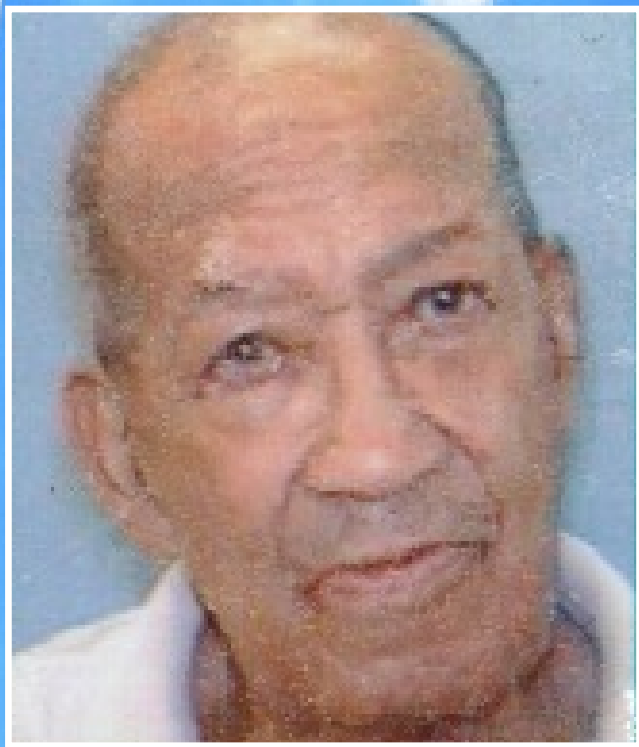


*In Loving Memory of*  
***Edward Butler, Sr.***



*Sunrise: June 17, 1923*  
*Sunset: August 17, 2016*

Service

*Friday, August 26, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.*

**GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating*

*Bobby Arrington, Organist*

## Obituary

New Yorker, **Edward Melvin Butler, Sr.** was born on June 17, 1923 in Wilmington, Delaware to Mabel Brooks and Edward Melvin Butler. He was the youngest of four children, Ella, Alvin and Vivian (all predeceased).

As a boy he liked the choices and variety of foods he'd get from his mom and his grandma, and auntie who live nearby. He liked being active and learning through experience and exploring. He even had friends teach him to dance so that he could ask the love of his life to a school dance. She is Mary Virginia Butler.

He had jobs as a professional driver with Eagle Brothers, Brooks Brothers and B&B Lorry's made him quite a Dapper Dan. He served in the Army during World War II and was honorably discharged. He then married Mary Virginia Butler. They had two children, Edward Butler, Jr. (predeceased, July 17, 2015) and Phelbia Elyse, and raised Mary Virginia's first cousin, Otis Ferebee, the youngest of her deceased aunt's twelve children.

He retired from the Transit Authority at age 71 and thought his co-workers were fun guys.

He has six grandchildren: Edward, Virginia, Shonda, Raina, Stacey and April, and four great-grandchildren. Ed had six nephews from his brother, Alvin: Alvin, Jr., Emmanuel (predeceased), Marcus, Michael, Ronnie and Dennis. Edward Butler, Sr. had four nieces: Charlotte Evans, Beverly Cuffee, Annette Kareem and Denise West, and with them a gang of great and grand nieces and nephews.

**93 years of living makes for a legacy of great memories and experiences. He will be missed!**

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

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*Prayer*

*Selection*

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*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Final Disposition*

*Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York*

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## *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.*

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