

*Celebration
of Life and
Service*

*Deacon
Frederick
Elijah
Butler, Sr.*

Sunrise
June 6, 1930

Sunset
October 18, 2016

Service

Friday, October 28, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Judah Christian Fellowship

83 Galloping Hill Road
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Bishop Anthony Gilyard, Pastor
Bishop Tyrone L. Butler, Eulogist

Obituary

Frederick Elijah Butler was born June 6, 1930 in Brooklyn, New York. He was the fourth child born to the late Walter A. Butler and Mary Jane Best Butler. He transitioned to glory at home, on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, surrounded by his family. He was lovingly know by many names Deacon Freddie, Brother Freddie, and Uncle Freddie.

Deacon Fred Butler received his education in the Brooklyn Public School System. He graduated from Franklin K. Lane High School in 1948. He received his B.A. in 1971 from Brooklyn College. He also received his Master's Degree in Drug & Alcohol Counseling in 1994 from New Jersey City University. He believed that education was your responsibility, and you are never too old to learn. He was drafted into the U.S Army in 1952 and honorably discharged in 1954.

On September 7, 1957, Frederick Butler married Ethel Mae Stukes. Born to that union were four children, Karen Lynette, Sharon Nadine, Paula Elise, and Frederick Elijah Jr. During their 59 year marriage they opened their home to 10+ foster boys. During the summers they opened their home to nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Deacon Freddie had a strong work ethic that he passed down to his children and grandchildren. He started working as a young teen. During his lifetime, he occasionally worked more than one job at a time. He worked for Seagram & Sons for 30 years, and retired in 1988. After retirement he completed his Master's and worked for the department of Veteran Affairs. He also worked as a substitute teacher for Ocean County, NJ, and as a recruiter for Six Flags Great Adventure well into his 70's. He was then told, due to the traveling it was time for him to retire.

Deacon Butler received Jesus Christ as his personal savior in 1945. He faithfully served as Junior Deacon and church musician under Pastor, Bishop Frank Cook. Deacon Butler felt led to assist his late brother Pastor, Doctor John L. Butler at Good Will Church of God in Christ, later changed to Salvation and Restoration. He faithfully served as a Deacon for 40 years. He was also a trustee member. He faithfully served under the leadership of his brother. In 2011 his nephew Bishop Tyrone Butler became his Pastor, where he continued to work as Deacon and Trustee. Deacon Butler traveled 60 miles one way to church, so Bishop Tyrone "retired him" so he could find a church closer to home for him to worship. As long as he was physically able to drive to New York he continued to go to Salvation and Restoration. He loved his church.

Deacon was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Mary, his brothers and sisters Walter, Robert, George, John, Esther, Mildred, Cassie, his granddaughter Jordan, and his great-grandson Thomas.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Ethel Mae; children: Karen L., Sharon N., Paula E. Mapp (Craig J.), Frederick Butler Jr. (Yolanda); siblings: Mary J. Harvey, Elder David A. Butler (Sylvia); grandchildren: Khanequa S. Tuitt, Kamila I. Tuitt, Kaliah A. Perry, Kamaria L. Perry, Kareem E. Perry, Karlik E. Butler, Shakiah E Butler, J. Jarrell Morris, Christopher T. Turner, Jada S. Mapp, Maya Z. Butler, Malia Z. Butler, Malissa Z. Butler; great-grandchildren: Maxwell E. Pierre, Isaiah M. Tuitt, (soon to be) Kailyn Q. Robinson, Tarik R. Tuitt, Khouri T. Jones, Iynaajah I. Stevenson, Aaliysah A. Stevenson, Asa A. Stevenson, Noah E. Stevenson, Ethan A. Stevenson; and a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren, and church family.



Order Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Hymn of Comfort

Prayer of Comfort

Reading of the Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Special Selection

Tributes (3 Minutes)

The Clergy

The Local Church

The Godchildren

Family & Friends

Ministry of Music

Acknowledgement of Cards & Resolutions

Reading of the Obituary

Introduction of the Eulogist

Sermonic Selection

The Eulogy

The Final Farewell

The Benediction & Recessional

Interment

General William C. Doyle New Jersey Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Messages of Love

Our last conversation warmed my heart and made me feel like family – Craig

Dad, you are my rock. I could talk to you about anything. I'm going to miss you, dearly. – Your loving daughter, Sharon

Dad, I will miss your calls to check on me and my children. I will miss your voice, wisdom, humor, honesty, and vast knowledge on anything I had questions about. – Your oldest daughter, Karen

What an honor it is to be your oldest grandchild. My oldest son carries your middle name as a tribute to the influence you have had in my life. I will love you always. – Khanequa

I will miss your council, your wisdom, and your weekly phone calls. Until we meet again. – Your baby girl, Paula

Grandfather, thank you for being a man of God and a true father in my life. Love you always. – Kamila

I'll always remember you for your discipline and humility, and your consistency as a man and mentor. I LOVE YOU SIR! – Christopher

Grandfather, I will miss you. I always remember the picture we took together after we drove through a rough storm and made it safely to your house. I can't wait until I see you again in Heaven. Love you're youngest grandchild. – Malissa

Grandfather, I will miss how you always made us laugh. That gave me many funny memories I will never forget. – Love, Malia

Grandfather, the love you gave me made me a better person and I thank you for that. I will miss you. – Love, Maya

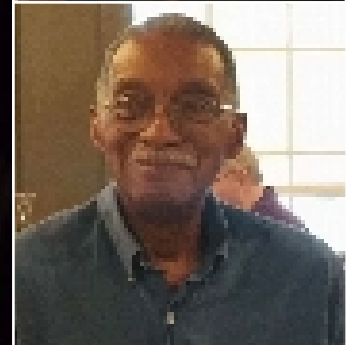
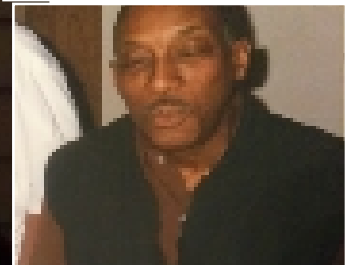
Dad, you taught me the four basic principles of life: 1) Honor your commitments, 2) Finish what you start, 3) Always do your best and 4) Work as unto God. I learned these from you at an early age and adhering to them helped me mature into the man I am today. This forms the core of how I live my life today. I hope I can be as effective as you in teaching these principles to the next generation. – Ricky

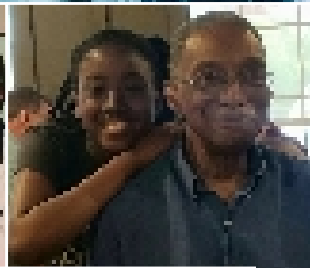
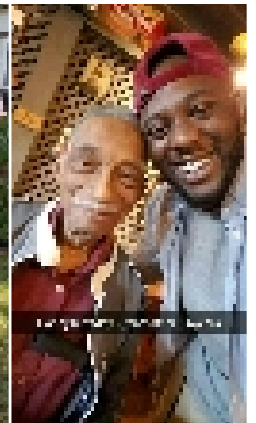
I love you and I know you are watching over us – Khouri

Grandfather, you are the greatest father I've ever known. Our bond was special because we were both born in June (Gemini), and I was born on your father's birthday. You will always be a blessing to all those whose lives you touched. I love you forever and always, to infinity and beyond. – Your beloved Granddaughter, Shakiah

Grandfather, you have and will always be the ULTIMATE father figure in my life! I am blessed to have had you in my life for so many wonderful decades, and I am HONORED to carry on your legacy. I love you, always and forever. Rest in Paradise. – Jarrell

Grandfather, you were everything a girl could have asked for in a father. You always were so generous with your wisdom, and so kind with your words. I know you were uneasy when I went off the path, but I know you'll be watching as I continue down the right one. Your love is in every move I make. Thank you for everything. – Kaliah







When Tomorrow Starts Without Me



When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the

past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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