

*Homegoing Service
for
Madison "Mike" Flanagan, Jr.*

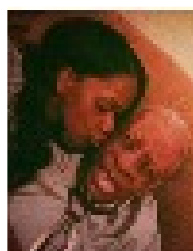
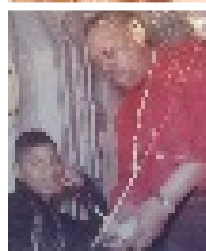
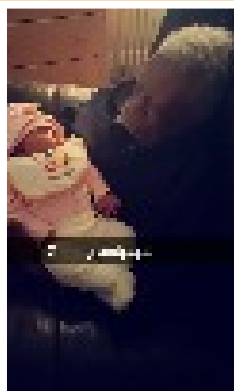


Sunrise
November 30, 1921

Sunset
March 11, 2017

Service
Friday, March 17, 2017 – 11:00 am

St. James AME Church
588 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Newark, NJ 07112



Obituary

Madison “Mike” Flanagan, Jr. was born November 30, 1921 to Madison Flanagan, Sr. and Naomi Bryant-Flanagan in Atlanta, Georgia. Mike and his parents moved to Newark, NJ while he was still a young child.

Mike attended Peshine Avenue School and later attended South Side High School (Malcolm X Shabazz High School). Mike was an athlete playing football for the high school and basketball for the YMCA in Newark.

While at South Side High School, Mike and a few of his high school friends started a Doo wop group “The Velvetones” which was formed in 1943. The group consisted of Madison “Mike” Flanagan (tenor lead); Walter Dawkins (second tenor and bassist); Sam Rucker (baritone and guitarist); and Enoch Martin (pianist/arranger). Mike and the Velvetones spent their formative years touring the Midwest, with a 12 week engagement at Newark’s Piccadilly Club in mid-1945 helping land a deal with the Coronet label. The Velvetones had their song, Glory of Love featured in the movie, Casino.

After high school, Mike attended Howard University in Washington, DC for two years. While at Howard University he played football as a down lineman. He became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated in his second year at Howard University. Mike also continued traveling and singing at Howard University, local clubs in the DC Metro area, and abroad.

Mike had many occupations before landing a job at College Hospital (University of Medicine and Dentistry) where he worked as an Elevator Operator. It was around this time that he met and married the love of his life, a Nurse, Theresa Mae Garland of West Virginia.

While working at college hospital a position became available in the housekeeping department. Mike worked for many years in the housekeeping department where he later became the Director of Housekeeping. He retired from the University of Medicine and Dentistry after 30 years of service.

While married to Theresa Flanagan they had 8 children and they also served as foster parents to over 100 children for the Division of Youth and Family Services.

Mike was Raised a Master Mason with St. James Lodge #61 Free and Accepted Masons, P.H.A. in the early 1960's. Mike was a long time member of St. James A.M.E. Church where he served faithfully as a Senior Trustee and was a member of the Young Mens Club.

Mike loved his wife and children! He loved fishing, hunting, playing tennis, watching golf, watching his New York Yankees, and New York Giants (Go BIG BLUE).

Mike received his wings on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the University of Medicine and Dentistry surrounded by family and loved ones.

He leaves to celebrate his life his children: Curtis Flanagan, Jermain Madison Flanagan, Sr. (Sherri L Flanagan), Kareem Flanagan (Cassandra Flanagan), Franklin Flanagan (Ta'Shanna Washington), Moise Flanagan (Raena "Lolipop" Karenga), Victorie "Sweet-Sweets" Flanagan, and Silas "Sal" Flanagan; Grandchildren: Pearl Lerelbous; Jermain Madison Flanagan, Jr.; Jarell Anthony Polhill; Lauren Lewter; Jade Lewter; Isiah Flanagan; Tatiana Washington. Great grand-daughter Nova Spear. Good friends, Issacc Thomas and Richard Sutton.

He is preceded in death by his lovely wife, Theresa Mae Flanagan and their son Daniel Bowen (Danny).

Order of Service

Musical Prelude..... Organist

Processional..... Clergy and Family

Opening HymnMinisterial Staff Discretion

Prayer of Comfort
Ministerial Staff Discretion

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Clergy

New TestamentClergy

Solo.....Phyllis Snead

Resolution and Acknowledgements
Church Officer

Remarks/Family Tribute
Issac Thomas, Richard Sutton
& Jermain Madison Flanagan, Sr.

(a maximum of 3 persons may provide 3 minute
remarks/tribute and their names must be printed in the program)

Obituary(Read Silently)

Solo.....Phyllis Snead

Eulogy

RecessionalClergy and Family

Interment

Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey



What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it... Dad

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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