

A Celebration of Life for
Jerome Woodward

Sunrise: May 8, 1937 - **Sunset:** April 5, 2017



Service

Thursday, April 13, 2017 ~ 11:00 am

St. James AME Church

588 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Ronald L. Slaughter, Pastor

Rev. Carlton Woodward, Officiating

A Message From Heaven

*Perhaps you aren't ready yet
To have to say good-bye...
Perhaps you've thought of things
You wish you'd said - well, so have I.
For one thing, I'd have told you
Not to worry about me...
I'm with the Lord in Heaven now -
You knew that's where I'd be.
I'm sorry that you're feeling sad,
For I'm so happy now...
I've asked the Lord to ease the hurt
And comfort you somehow.
It's hard at the beginning,
But I know you'll make it through
I hope it helps to know
That I'll be waiting here for you.*



REV. DR. JACQUELINE REEVES, PRESIDING

PRELUDE Musician
“Amazing Grace”Bro. Kyle Smith/Minister Steve Hill

PROCESSIONAL Clergy and Family

HYMN OF PRAISE
“Total Praise” Minister Steve Hill

PRAYER OF COMFORTRev Dr. Mary White Williams

RESPONSE
“Praise Him, Praise Him” Congregation

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Old Testament – Psalm 90 Rev. Theresa Andrews
New Testament – 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Rev. Nya Kim Irby

SOLO
“Take Me To The King” Minister Steve Hill

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDOLENCES
AND RESOLUTIONS Sis. Sharon Foushee

WORDS OF COMFORT.....Dr. Komozi Woodard
Darryl Grant
Jason Woodward

OBITUARY (Read Silently)
SOLO -“Stand” Minister Steve Hill

EULOGY Rev. C. Carlton Woodward, Pastor
St. Stephen Community A.M.E. Church., NYC

RECESSIONAL
“When We All Get to Heaven” Hymn # 511

Interment
Woodbridge Memorial Gardens
US Highway 1 North, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 – (732) 634-2195

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JEROME WOODWARD

Jerome Woodward is a product of Newark, New Jersey, born and raised in the Ironbound Section, more commonly known as “Down Neck”, with five brothers and three sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents Theodore Woodward and Carrie Snyder Woodward.

Jerome attended the Newark Public School system, graduating from Essex County Vocational and Technical High School as a Cabinet Maker. He also attended Essex County College as a Business Major and Middlesex County College for job related courses.

Jerome’s working career of twenty-six years at E.I. DuPont & Co., Inc. at the Newark Colored Pigment Plant consisted of sixteen years in Management as a Production Supervisor, the Employee Relations Department as a Labor Relations Specialist, and Raw Material Receiving Supervisor, taking Disability Retirement in 1989.

Jerome’s Church Affiliation is with the St. James A.M.E. Church in Newark, where he is a sixty years plus member, and he sang on The Cathedral Choir.

Jerome served in the United States Army from December 1960 thru December 1962. Part of his time of active duty was served in Europe, Germany.

Jerome’s Masonic Career began in December 1974 as a Member of Hiram Lodge No. 4. After serving in two stations, he was elected Worshipful Master. Moving through the Red House he ultimately served as Most Excellent High Priest of Haggai Royal Arch Chapter No. 2, and went on to become Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Hiram Royal Arch Chapter. He also served as Secretary of Hiram Commandry No. 17 Knights Templar as a Member of Morocco Temple No. 1 A.A.O.N.M.S, he served as Second Ceremonial Master. He is a Past Commander-In-Chief of Mohaab Grand Consistory.

Brother Woodward has also served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons for the Most Worshipful King William Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. Jurisdiction for five years. He served as Honorary Eminent Commander of Hiram Commandry, and Honorary Potentate of Morocco Temple No. 1.

Bro. Woodward was made a Thirty-Third Degree Inspector General in 1986, and for six years he served as President of the Inter-Fraternal Masonic Relations Commission of New Jersey.

On a National level, he has served as Grand Master General of Ceremonies for the United Supreme Council of The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the thirty-third and last

Degree of Freemasonry; for the Southern and Western Masonic Jurisdiction - U.S.A.
Grant Orient, Washington, D.C.

He served as Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Masonic Education Committee, for the General Grand Masonic Congress for ten plus years and served two terms as 1st Vice President, and three terms as President of the General Grand Masonic Congress.

Brother Woodward's Masonic Philosophy is: "Wear one hat at a time, and prepare yourself to bring something to the table for the hat you are wearing".

Brother Woodward said all of his accomplishments "are the result of much prayer, faith, and trust in our Lord and Savior, which proves once again, that through Christ all things are possible".

Jerome was preceded in death by his brothers, Theodore Woodward, Thomas Woodward, James Woodward and Edwin Woodward, and his sisters, Elizabeth Williams and Mary Susan Ward.

Left to mourn his beloved wife, Shirley L. Woodward; his children, Jerome Clayton Woodward (Myree), Jared Charles Woodward, Jason Corey Woodward, Barry Michaelton Grant, Darryl Roderick Grant (Brigitte), Karyn Michele Grant-Neal (Marc). Together they have nineteen grandchildren and thirteen and a half great grandchildren; his sister, Adie Schenck and a host of nieces, nephews, including Reverend Carton Woodward and his wife, Rev. Blanche Woodward and other cousins.

Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.*

Ron Tranmer

Your Smile

Though your smile is gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch
Still we have so many memories
Of the one we loved so much
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we will never part
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts.
It is sad to walk the road alone,
Instead of side by side.
But to all there comes a moment
When the ways of life divide.
You gave us years of happiness
Then came sorrow and tears.
But you left us beautiful memories
We will treasure through the years.

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"THE DAY GOD TOOK YOU HOME"

*A million times I've missed you, a million times I've cried
If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly, In death I love you still, In my heart you hold a
place, No one else can ever fill, It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone,
Part of me went with you,
The day God called you home.*

Anonymous

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going. "Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him. "I am the way, and the Truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

John 14:1-6

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Jerome Woodward** would like to take this opportunity to extend their sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended to them during this time of bereavement. Our hearts are heavy, but the love and kindness you exhibited in your telephone calls, the flowers you sent, and the intercessory petitions you offered on our behalf have served to ease the pain. May God forever bless and keep each one of you in His tender, loving care.

PALL BEARERS

Members of M.W. King William Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.

A repast will immediately follow Interment at
Chamblee's Square Restaurant

596 Hunterdon Street (corner of Madison) and next to Promised Land Baptist Church
Newark, NJ - 973-824- 8725

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Whigham Funeral Home

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