

*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
*Harold Fort*

**Sunrise**

January 22, 1931

**Sunset**

May 10, 2017

*Saturday, May 20, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.*

**HARVEST INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

80-82 Sussex Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Prayer

Scripture

Obituary & Acknowledgements

Remarks  
(2-3 minutes)

Video Presentation

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional



## Obituary

**Harold** was born January 22, 1931 in the city of Newark to the late Harry and Mae Fort, from this union. Along with **Harold** there were Dorothy, Leon, Marie and Bill.

**Harold** was the proud father of Barry, Talmadge, Eric, Rodney, Chad and Nyle Fort. **Harold** was a faithful and dedicated member of Emmanuel Church of Christ under the tutelage of District Elder Solomon Sanders. He later joined his brother-in-law Elder James E. Howard to help build Pentecostal Church of Christ, where he served faithfully for decades. Affectionately known as “Brother Fort”, **Harold** treated the church like his own home.

Always willing to help others, **Harold** personally purchased the church a van (God’s Chariot) for people who did not have the means to get to church and other places in the community. The doors of his home were always open to whoever needed a place to live, break bread and fellowship. **HE NEVER SOUGHT CREDIT OR RECOGNITION** Freedom fighting was not merely a matter of politics, to **Harold**, to him, it was what it meant to be a child of God. An example of his determination to fight for equal treatment for all children was when he was arrested for blocking the school buses from entering the Montrose Alternative School in South Orange.

**Harold** went home to be with Jesus at his residence on May 10, 2017 following a battle with Alzheimer’s He was 86 years old.

**Harold** was predeceased by his parents Harry and Mae Fort. His brother, Leon, his sister, Marie Moultrie, his son, Eric Fort and his grandson, Barry Fort Jr. Left to celebrate his life and continue his legacy are his siblings, Dorothy Howard and Bill Fort; five sons, Barry, Talmadge (Pamela), Rodney (Diane), Chad and Nyle Fort, His step children, Aazim (Jenis) and Chastity and his grandchildren, Janine, Rodney Jr., Keith, Deona, Jania and Neveah and his great granddaughter, Zariyah, Honoring Harold’s wishes his earthly house was donated to science to help others live fuller lives. He gave his all, even after his last breath.

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# *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!*

## *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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