

In Loving Memory of



Willie E. Hutcherson

Sunrise
August 17, 1940

Sunset
June 1, 2017

Service

Thursday, June 8, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

St. James AME Church

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

Obituary

Willie Edward Hutcherson better known as “Hutch” was born in Oxford, NC on August 17, 1940 and moved to Newark, NJ at the age of 5. From that point forward, he was and became Newark.

Hutch attended Robert Treat Elementary School. He was a graduate of Southside High School, where he ran track, played the tuba in the Marching Band, and was an active member of the school orchestra. While in high school he was also a founding member of the Omega Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

In 1964, he graduated from Wilberforce University with a degree in Music Education. While at Wilberforce he pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and met the love of his life Rochelle Maness who later became his wife of 53 years.

He then went on to receive his Master’s Degree from Kean University with a degree in School Administration and Supervision.

Hutch worked in the Newark Public Schools for 40 years. Starting at Peshine Avenue School where he taught eighth grade. Next he worked for the Newark Teachers Union as a teacher representative and was assigned by the Union to serve as a member of the State Board of Examiners. He closed out his distinguished career as the Principal of Avon Avenue School when he retired in 2005.

After retirement from the Newark Public Schools, Hutch mentored Provisional Principals for the state of NJ.

After moving his family to Freehold, NJ he was an active member of United Black Families of Freehold Township (UBFFT). In his spare time he was an avid bowler and competed in many bowling leagues in Essex and Monmouth counties. His true passion came each spring when Hutch turned into a gardener extraordinaire as his pride and joy was his magnificent yard that was featured on Public Television as the “Freehold Show House”.

He leaves to mourn his wife of 53 years, Rochelle, their children Danielle and her husband Oscar Blount and Eric and his wife Linda Davis-Hutcherson along with their grandchildren, Kayin, Will and Jackie Cherry and Austin and Myles Hutcherson. He leaves his brothers, Clarence and Barlow Hutcherson along with many relatives, friends and colleagues.

Hutch was a man among men that everybody loved and will be remembered as such.

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude Bro. Kyle Smith
- Processional Clergy and Family
- Opening Hymn Min. Steve Hill
- Prayer of Comfort Rev. Lonnie Jones
- Scripture Reading Sheila Allen
New Testament
- Solo LeBarbara Jones “Wind Beneath My Wings”
- Resolution and Acknowledgements Sis. Gwen Garretson

Remarks/Family Tribute

Luanne Macri
Brian Taylor
Eric Hutcherson

- Obituary Herbert Williams
- Solo LeBarbara Jones “It Is Well With My Soul”
- Eulogy Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Reeves
- Recessional Clergy and Family

The interment will be private for family only. The family requests your presence at the repast at Bogies Lounge in East Orange, NJ.

Doors will open at 2 PM and the family will join immediately after the interment.

*Bogies Lounge
527 Williams St.
East Orange, NJ 07017*

To Those I Love

To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me,
I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

We sincerely thank you for your support and prayers during this time. We know that Willie was as dear to you as he was to us and trust that you will keep his memory and spirit alive in the good deeds you perform and kindness that you give to others. We appreciate your coming from near and far to celebrate Willie's life. While it is always difficult to lose a treasured loved one, we are comforted by the outpouring of love bestowed upon us. ~ The Family

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