



*Celebrating The Life of*

*George C. Butler*



*Sunrise*  
*October 5, 1941*

*Sunset*  
*June 16, 2017*



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## *Reflections of Life*

**George C. Butler** born on October 5, 1941 in Edgefield, SC to the late Jack and Clara (Padgette) Butler. At an early age, after the death of his father Jack Butler, Clara remarried Mr. Fred McKinney who raised George as his own.

He was educated in the Wards, SC School System and graduated from Ridgehill, SC High School.

George relocated to Passaic, NJ in 1959. He was employed at Speedway Carwash Passaic, NJ. He found employment with Frankies Express Garfield and also Popular Merchandise in Passaic before retiring.

George didn't miss a day without his newspaper that he read thoroughly from front to back. His pass time was spent playing cards and watching his favorite team the New York Yankees.

George was predeceased by daughter, Gloria Jean Sparrow, parents Jack Butler, Clara (Padgette) Butler McKinney and Fred Butler, brothers, Willie P. Butler, Robert Lester Butler, Johnny L. McKinney and Michael McKinney and sister, Gladys McKinney.

He departed this life on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at St. Mary Hospital Passaic, NJ.

George leaves to mourn his longtime companion, Loreitta (Shirley) Sparrow; his children, George V. Sparrow, Josalyn E. Butler and Lisa Childs. He is also survived by Steve Sparrow and Regina Sparrow who he also raised; brothers, Fred Jr. McKinney (Elizabeth), Eddie Frank McKinney (Ernestine), Peter McKinney (Lucille), Charlie McKinney (Audrey) and Benny McKinney (Brenda); sisters, Gloria Lonon and Mattie McKinney; seventeen grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren; a special friend, Sandra Holton; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

*Wednesday, June 28, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

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Passaic, New Jersey  
Rev. W.L. McDowell, Pastor

*Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort  
Rev. W.L. McDowell

Recessional

**Interment**

East Ridgelawn Cemetery  
Clifton, New Jersey

## *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.

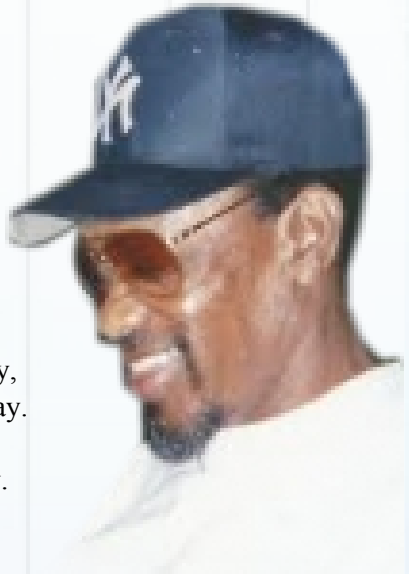
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

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!

*-author unknown*



## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **George C. Butler** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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