

*Celebration of Life Service*



*Meredith Elgin Hepburn*

Sunrise  
May 25, 1924

Sunset  
August 23, 2017

*Service*

*Wednesday, August 30, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

**Metropolitan Baptist Church**

149 Springfield Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

*Rev. David Jefferson, Sr., Officiating*



## *Obituary*



On Wednesday, August 23, 2017, the Lord sent an angel and took beloved **Meredith Elgin Hepburn** by the hand and brought him home to be with the Lord.

Meredith was born on May 25, 1924 in Stuarts Draft, Virginia to Otis Hepburn and Mary Smith Hepburn. He was the youngest of six children from this union.

He began his education in the Virginia Public Schools. He also attended the Beulah Baptist Church in Stuarts Draft, VA where he received his early religious training. Prior to his teenage years, he moved to Bloomfield, New Jersey, where he attended and graduated from Carteret Elementary School. In 1942, he graduated from Bloomfield High School.

Shortly thereafter, in July 1943 as World War II began, he was drafted into the United States Army. His Basic Training took place in New Orleans, Louisiana and thereafter he was stationed briefly in Newport News, Virginia, assigned to the 531st Company of the 509th Battalion who were deployed overseas to the European Theater of Operations. He was stationed in England for a number of months and was there during the D Day invasion of June 6th, 1944. His Company was then moved to France where he was permanently stationed, with assignments in Paris and Brussels, Belgium. Meredith attained the rank of Tech Sergeant in his Company. Among his many duties was Company Supply Sergeant.

In April 1946, he finally returned home to his family in Bloomfield, NJ and received a hero's welcome from the neighborhood. Later that year he started working for the Davidson Sales Service Company of Newark, NJ as a Clerk. He remained there for 22 years and was promoted to Office Manager with overall responsibility for inside operations. During this period he attended Rutgers University evening classes to obtain a Certificate in Business Administration.

On April 9, 1960, he married the love of his life, Catherine Dancy Hepburn of Newark. He was a kind, loving and devoted husband. He and his wife Catherine were always seen together

as a loving couple. They settled in Montclair, NJ where they were active members of the community. They travelled extensively in the USA and abroad, but their favorite destination was the beautiful island of Aruba.

Meredith and Catherine were members of St. Paul Baptist Church in Montclair, NJ, where he was baptized. During his 50 plus years as a member, Meredith served as assistant Sunday School Teacher, Church Clerk, Trustee, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Trustees and various other important church committees. Meredith and Catherine followed the dictates of the Holy Spirit and searched for a new church home, and in 1995, they joined Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, NJ, where they remained.

Meredith's hobbies included woodworking (making small articles such as lamps, book ends, etc...), making home movies and videos of personal and public events and photography. He was also very active in the Community. He was a charter member of the Madison Avenue Civic Group (a block association founded in 1987). He served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President. Served several terms as Vice President and Assistant Treasurer for the Neighborhood Council Federal Credit Union. Member of the 131 Chapter of the AARP, where he served on its board of directors and was Chairman of the Public Relations Committee with responsibility to place event notices in all local newspapers.

He was preceded in death by his sisters Zora Hepburn Miller, Rosa Hepburn Bowles, Elsie Lambert, Alice Palmer and Bernice Crook; his brothers Wesley Thomas Hepburn, Charles William Hepburn, Harry Hepburn, David Hepburn, Jonathan Hepburn, Clarence Hepburn and Lawson Hepburn. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Catherine Hepburn; brothers-in-law, Joshua Dancy, William Dancy and Charles Williams; sisters-in-law, Louise Dancy and Eddie Mae Dancy; goddaughter/niece, Lynda Smith; nieces, Norma Hepburn, Cynthia Hepburn, Lois Melissa (David Betts), Florence (Larry Ugbeche), Katharine Hepburn, Deborah Ingram, Michele Peniston, Charletta Williams, Gail Dancy, Joy (Greg) Thompson, Jaime (Sean) Hudson; nephews, Gary (Kaye) Hepburn, Frederic (Rosalyn) Hepburn, Clarence Anthony Hepburn, Arthur Walker, Alan (Chero) Crook, Jason (Nivithiny) Dancy, Marc Dancy, and a host of great nieces and nephews and other beloved relatives and friends.

## *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude

Processional ..... Minister, Officers & Family

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Bernard Wilks

Scripture Readings ..... Lynda Smith

Selection ..... Doris McNeil

Resolution & Acknowledgements ..... Leah Sheppard

Remarks ..... Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes

Selection ..... Doris McNeil

Eulogy ..... Rev. Bernard Wilks

Recessional

**Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey





### *Acknowledgements*

*The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.*

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