

# Our Story

Earl and Effie, met in 1979 while participating in the wedding ceremony of friends Sheila and Mark Brewer. Effie and Earl dated for 3 years before tying the knot on July 10, 1982.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

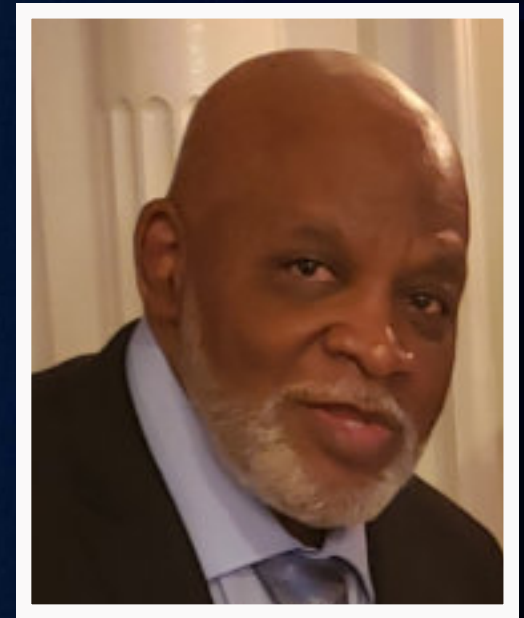
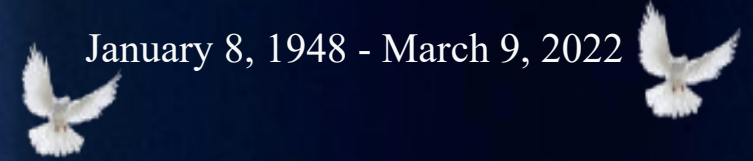
*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

# RUFUS EARL BARNES

January 8, 1948 - March 9, 2022



SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022 - 12:00 NOON

**Congregational Baptist Church**

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# OBITUARY

Rufus Earl Barnes was born January 8, 1948, to the late Judge (J.C.) McNeil and the late Nellie Gray Williams, in Smithfield, N.C. Earl was adopted by his Uncle Timothy Barnes and his wife Ann Anita Peterson. Earl attended 18th Ave Elementary School, Cleveland Jr High which became W. Kinney Jr High. Earl graduated from Central High School Newark, N.J. in 1966. As a young boy Earl belonged to Boy Scout Troop #77 in the 17th Ave. Projects.

Earl served in the U.S. Army from 10/30/1968-08/01/1973 when he was honorably discharged. Earl was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He also served in the Army National Guard and the United States Army Reserves and was honorably discharged on 03/23/1981 with the rank of Sergeant. Earl worked for Metzendorf Brothers from 1979-1989 and for Dawn Food Products from 1990-2014.

Earl retired in April of 2011, became a, “couch potato person,”. Earl enjoyed watching the History Channel, Netflix, and crime shows. He also enjoyed his daily walks around the neighborhood. Earl leaves to mourn his wife of 40 years Effie S. Jackson Barnes. Sons, Earl Barnes Jr., and Karriem Jackson, daughters Angel Barnes (Shaun) Hall, all of N.J., Hassan (Deidra) Davis, (FL), Davita Umstead, of (NC). Roshon (Michelle) Elias of Edison, NJ.

Siblings Teresa Woodard of Houston, (TX), Charles Labron (Beatrice) of East Orange, N.J., Doris Williams (Deceased). Grandchildren, Lamar Tyree Taylor, Dezign Jackson, Ethan Barnes, Madison Barnes, all of N.J., Christopher Davis (FL), Fabian Brown (KY), Devine Davis (AZ), Iesha Umstead, Raven Umstead, and Mirhad Umstead of (NC), Alexis and Mackenzie Elias (NJ), and great granddaughters Layla Rose Brown (KY) Brazil and Malayah, of (NC). A special aunt, Ms. Betty Person (NC). Mother-in-law, Helen Jackson of Montclair, N.J. Brothers in law Charley Jackson (Peggy) of Plano, TX., Johnny Jackson of East Orange, N.J., Frank Charles of Montclair, N.J., and Michael Jackson of Orange, N.J. Sisters in law Diane Bowman of Irvington, N.J., Joann Williams of Conyers, GA., and Brenda Jackson of East Orange, N.J. and a host of nieces/nephews, cousins and friends.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Selection - Church Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - Revelation 3:20

Prayer of Comfort - Apostle Johnny Jackson

Selection - Dayonna McMillan

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection - Cynthia Sims

Eulogy

Recessional

## Pall Bearers

Earl Barnes Jr.      Karriem Jackson

Hassan Davis      Tyree Taylor

Dezign Jackson      Omar Bowman

## *Cremation*

Evergreen Crematory  
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