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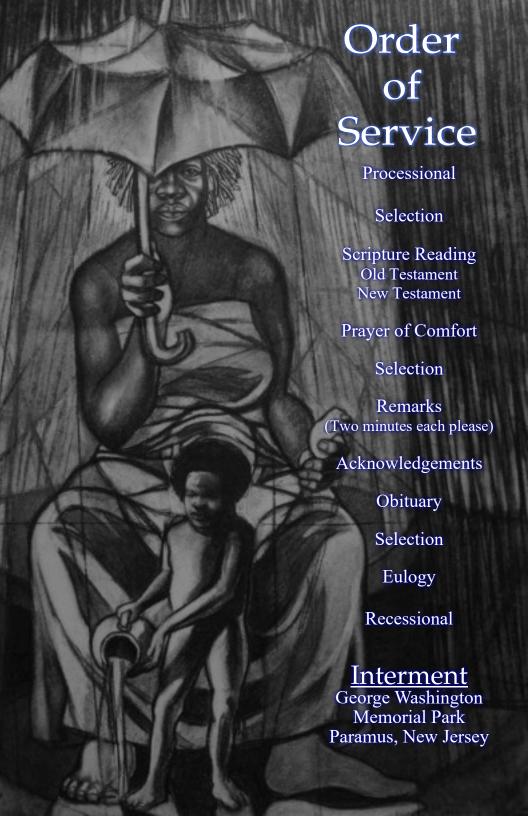
James "Jim" Macdonald Edmonds, 78, of Teaneck, NJ passed peacefully on July 11, 2022.

Jim was born in Englewood, NJ to parents Randolph Edmonds Sr. and Hattie Edmonds-Cabiness. Jim was educated in the Englewood Public School System, graduating from Dwight Morrow High School in 1961. Jim was drafted into the United States Army after graduating from high school. Upon his return from the military, he began working for The 3M Company in the warehouse and advanced to the customer service department. He retired after 30 years in 2002.

Jim had a true passion for the arts. He loved jazz music and attended many jazz concerts and festivals throughout the United States. Jim earned a BFA degree from the School of Visual Arts, New York City. He has taught photography at The Art Center of Northern New Jersey for over twenty years and has exhibited his artwork throughout the New York metropolitan area since 1970. Jim is an award-winning artist that has been included in exhibitions at Wilmer Jennings Gallery at Kekeleba, the Belskie Museum, the Dwyer Cultural Center, the Art Center of Northern New Jersey, the Bergen Museum, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and the Skylight Gallery. He is represented in many private collections and is also part of the permanent collection in the Paul Robeson collection at Rutgers University. He is a member and past president of the National Conference of Artists, New York chapter. (www.ncanewyorkart.com) and was the Vice President of The Teaneck Cultural Arts Coalition for many years.

Jim became a devotee of Swami Muktananda and Gurumayi Chidvilasananda in 1984 as part of the Siddha Yoga tradition. He and the NY group made many excursions to South Fallsburg, NY, and participated in Chanting, Hatha Yoga, and many special programs. He continued to meditate and practice contemplation faithfully for the rest of his life.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Randolph Edmonds Sr. and Hattie Edmonds-Cabiness, and brothers, James "Bo" Thomas, and Robert "Bongo" Edmonds. He leaves to mourn his passing; his loving wife, Fredi Brown, two children, Tamara Thomas and Tanner Edmonds; brother Randolph Edmonds and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins, and friends. He will be truly missed.



To Say Goodbye

To say goodbye is not the end
To all my family and friends
For life goes on, you must endure
For my eternity is sure.
Remember all the good times
The memories we've shared
The precious jewels of laughter
The tender love and care.
I found my resting place
God's peace surrounds my soul
Let love abound in all your hearts
Let heaven be your goal.

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.

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