

In Loving Memory

Phillip J. Ellsworth

Sunrise: July 27, 1938

Sunset: September 18, 2022



*I have fought the good fight, I have finished
the race, I have kept the faith. II Timothy 4:7*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022 - 11:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Phillip Ellsworth was born on July 27, 1938, to the late Earl Thomas Ellsworth, Sr. and Lucy Mae Mason Ellsworth in Southampton County, Virginia. He departed this life peacefully at Complete Care at Orange Park nursing facility, East Orange, New Jersey on Sunday, September 18, 2022, after a lengthy illness. Phillip was also predeceased by siblings: Joseph, Mitchell, George, Douglass, Deanie, Earl, Barbara, Clara, and Elsie; he was preceded in death by son, Olantora Ellsworth, Sr.

Phil, as he was passionately called, attended the Southampton, Virginia public school system. Afterwards, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps from August 24, 1956 – August 23, 1959. Upon his honorable discharge, he returned to his hometown and eventually moved to Richmond, Virginia. Thereafter, he moved to Newark, New Jersey where he owned and operated two towing and mechanic businesses.

Phillip loved to dress nicely and truly loved his vehicles and motorcycles. This enhanced his love of his businesses and joy in obtaining new tow trucks and working hard. He confessed in earlier years of accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior and served on the choir of his church.

He is survived by loving and devoted siblings: Joyce Wright, Emma Ellsworth, Audrey Ellsworth Easter, Shirley Taylor, Gladys Taylor, Frances Dugger, and Amos Ellsworth. He is survived by children: Sharon Ellsworth Radden of Chesterfield, Virginia; Dr. Brenda Ellsworth Petteway (Todd) of Chesterfield, Virginia; Michelle Wynn of Richmond, Virginia; Kevin Garnes (Sharronda) of Newark, New Jersey; Marquetta Simon of Jersey City, New Jersey; Yusef Brown, Sr. of Newark, New Jersey; and Nykia Harriell (Edward) of Houston, Texas. He leaves grandchildren: Denet Radden, Dwayne Radden, Jr., Sierra Radden, Olantora Ellsworth, Jr., Franklin Tennyson, III, Tanisha Marchan (Charles), Kia Price, Yasir Carraway-Garnes, Ni'Yod Carraway, Brianni Johnson, Dejahna James, Brielle James, Amadi McIver, Bryce Wigfall, Yusef Brown, Jr., Rachel Brown, Leonard Brown, and Armanii Steele-Bolt; 14 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

INTERMENT

William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

If Tears Could Build A Stairway

If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane.
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again
No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to love you
No one can ever know
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store
Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay.
-Author unknown

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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