

HOME GOING
CELEBRATION
OF

Oscar

*Michael
Zeigler
"Ziggy"*

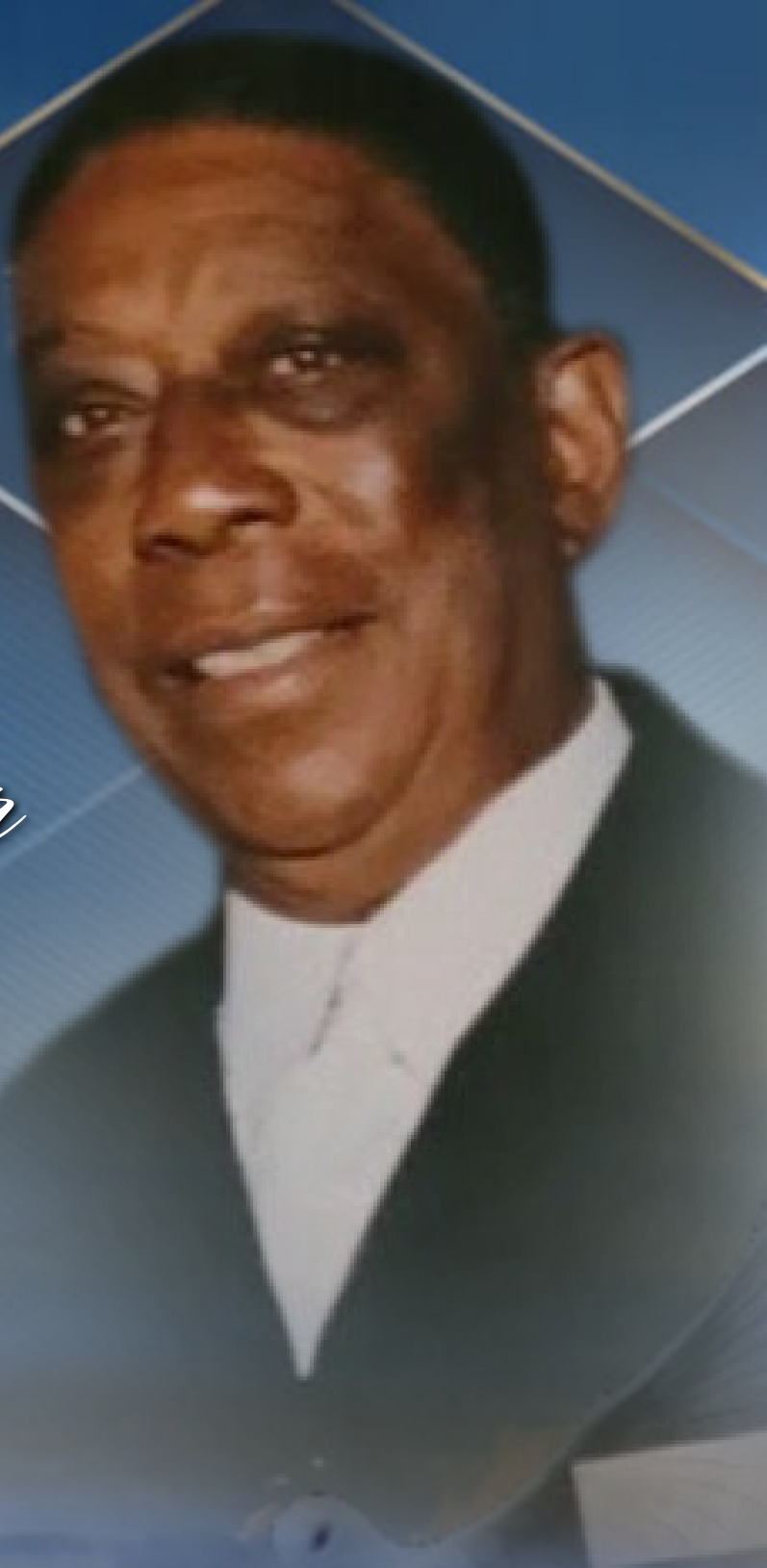
*Sunrise
June 15, 1939*

*Sunset
October 13, 2022*

Service

Monday, October 24, 2022 • 11:00 a.m.

Community Baptist Church
224 First Street • Englewood, New Jersey
Rev. Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr., Pastor



Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional of Clergy and Family

Invocation

Opening Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Scripture - Isaiah 41:10 - Zion Simmons

New Testament Scripture - Matthew 11:28-30 - Zachai Simmons

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Expressions of Condolences

Reflections from friends, family & clergy

Mr. Rodney Harrell

Mr. Oscar Zeigler, Jr.

Mr. Samuel Zeigler, Jr.

The Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection

The Message of Hope

Rev. Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr., Pastor

The Benediction

Recessional

Entombment

George Washington Memorial Park
234 Paramus Road
Paramus, New Jersey



Obituary

Mr. Oscar Michael “Ziggy” Zeigler was born June 15, 1939 in Savannah, Georgia to Mr. Clinton Zeigler and Mrs. Elizabeth “Lizzy/Maya” {Johnson} Zeigler. Affectionately known as “Ziggy,” Mr. Oscar would often regale stories of growing up in Savannah chopping wood and living in their woodhouse. While Mr. Clinton worked, Ms. Lizzy was known to keep all eight children in line while also showing each of them the love they deserved. Oscar fondly talked about the respect his sister and brothers had for one another despite their age difference.

With an ambitious, strong willed spirit, Ziggy felt he could pursue the life he wanted to live early by working. He completed the sixth grade at Haven Homes School and searched for an opportunity to gain a sense of independence and responsibility. He later gained employment at John Mayersville Roofing Company, where he worked for some years before moving to Philadelphia in 1963. This is where his brothers, Rayfield and Billy, helped Ziggy acquire a job at Celotex as a forklift driver and machine operator. He then moved up in the company as a Foreman leading a team of employees despite not having the advanced education needed for such a supervisory position. Mr. Oscar always credits his ability to learn things quickly and complete tasks efficiently to his undeniable work ethic and motivation. It is around this time that Oscar met his first wife, Evelyn Powers and they adopted a bouncing baby girl named Jacqueline Davis at the tender age of just six-month old. About six years later, a bouncing baby boy named Oscar Michael Zeigler was born. As the years progressed, Mr. Oscar continued his work at Celotex until the late 1970s/early 1980s. He later met his wife, Mrs. Sadie M. Zeigler (Sadie Mae Williams) while on the porch of her sister’s home in Philadelphia in the late 1970s. From then on, they were inseparable, and courted until they married on May 24, 1981. Mr. Oscar moved to New Jersey where he and Mother Sadie began to build a life with his two bonus children, Rodney E. Harrell and Tammy F. Harrell {Simmons}. Determined to create a better life for their family, they moved to the eastside of Paterson where they created a beautiful family home cherished to this day.

While Mother Sadie made “390” a warm home, Mr. Oscar was unafraid to work the twelve to sixteen hour shifts needed at the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in Carlstadt to provide for his family. His family did not want for anything, and was a true presence in the home whenever possible. Mr. Oscar embodied a spirit of respect, welcome and comradery to all those who would enter their home. He believed deeply in family, and would often make trips with Ms. Sadie, Rodney, Tammy and later Monet Kendall-Turner to Philadelphia and Savannah for Zeigler family events and gatherings. Mr. Oscar served as a true example to his family of what a growth mindset and discipline could do when applied. Oscar later retired from the Coca-Cola Bottling Co in 2005. However, he still had the itch to work and remain active. He often said that he did not want retirement to lead him to an early grave. Therefore, he found employment with the Paterson Safety Complex as a Crossing Guard where he built a great deal of positive relationship with the neighbors of his crossing route on 23rd Street and Broadway in Paterson until September 2021.

Mr. Oscar was sometimes a man of few words but amazing quick wit and straight forward approach with words. With witty euphemisms like “hard heads make soft behinds...”, “this is what you get when you’re lucky...”, “if I you tell a flea can pull a train, you better hitch em’ up”, Mr. Oscar was a gentleman that was caring where it counted and firm when needed. His strong-willed spirit valued respect and peace. He would be very quick to assign you a nickname like “Ferna,” “Rabbit,” “Yell” or “George” and loved to talk mess when the time allowed. He ultimately loved to have a good time and bust chops with his closest family and friends. Mr. Oscar was also never a stranger to singing or to a dance floor, and could be seen dancing to almost anything more than sitting at an event. If you had the privilege of even driving past him on a random day, you might catch him being silly and dancing in the car. And if he recognized you in the park while walking his beloved dog, BJ, he would definitely shout “Hello!” to you.

Mr. Oscar was predeceased by his beloved parents, Elizabeth and Clinton Zeigler; his loving wife, Sadie Mae Zeigler; and his first best friends and siblings, Osamae Perdetha Zeigler-Warren, Clinton Zeigler, William Zeigler, Rayfield Zeigler, Toronto Zeigler and Lucille Zeigler-Brown.

He leaves behind to cherish fond memories; his children, Rodney Harrell of Atlanta, Georgia; Tammy Harrell-Simmons of Hawthorne, NJ; Jacqueline Davis of Savannah, Ga.; and Oscar Michael Zeigler of Cincinnati, OH (Galia Youmans-Zeigler) and beloved grandchildren, Monet Alexia Kendall-Turner (Jared Turner), Rhonda Janessa Harrell, Rodney Isaac Harrell, Zion Sharod Simmons, Zachai Tarod Simmons, Samuel Harden, Christian Leonard Padget and Joshua Elijah Zeigler; his pride and joy - great grandbaby, Noelle Ava Turner; great granddaughter, Ah'jae Arianna Zeigler; his baby brother and “bo”, Samuel Zeigler; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. Matthew 11:28-30 - 28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Going Home



*I'm going home
The Lord has called me to go home
I'm leaving this place, but you can reach me
through God's heavenly phone
Rejoice and don't shed too many tears
I've been waiting on this day
to go home for so many years
I will miss you but it's time I must go
I will be there waiting for you
when it's your time to go home
I will always love you
Try and be strong for me
Praise the Lord because I'm finally set free
I'm going home
The lord has called me to go
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Written by, Shannell G. Griggs

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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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