

Celebration of life

**GARRETT
L. WINN**



**Sunrise
December 18, 1947**

**Sunset
November 13, 2022**

Saturday, November 26, 2022 - 12:00 Noon

**New Hope Baptist Church
144 Norman Street • East Orange, NJ 07017**

OBITUARY

Garrett L. Winn of East Orange, New Jersey passed away Sunday, November 13, 2022 at home. He was born on December 18, 1947 in Boydton, Virginia to the late Howard Adams and Ruth Winn. His family were members of St. Douglas Baptist Church, Boydton, Virginia where he received the lord and was baptized.

He graduated from West End High School in Clarksville, Virginia, in 1965. He is a member of the West End High School Alumni Association and an inductee into the West End High School "Sports Hall of Fame". Garrett earned a sports scholarship to attend Virginia State College.

He postponed his education to join the U.S. Army in 1965 serving tours of duty in Korea (1965-1966) and Vietnam (1967-1968) earning several medals and commendations. He received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army in 1971 and joined the New Jersey Army National Guard in 1977. Garrett was assigned to the G2 Section (Intelligence) 50th Armored Division, and later Joint Forces Headquarters Operation Center for Domestic Emergencies and Terrorism. After 911 (2001) he return to full time active duty where his last assignment was for the Homeland Security Center of Excellence where he was the Operations Sergeant and the NCOIC for the Nuclear Power Plant Task Force (NPPTF) and the Port Authority Railroad Security, New Jersey side. Garrett is a Certified Army Instructor and hold 5 different Military Occupational Specialties. He retired December 2007 with the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8). Some of his Federal honors includes Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal (4), Army Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal (2), Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Korean Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Assault Badge, and Expert Rifle Badge. He was recommended for The Legion of Merit. New Jersey Honors, NJ Distinguish Service Medal, NJ Commendation Medal, NJ Citation Medal, NJ Good Conduct Medal (9), and NJ Medal of Honor. He is a life member of Disable American Veterans and The American Legion.

Upon completion of active duty in 1968, Garrett was employed by the East Orange Post Office before getting hired by the East Orange Fire Department in 1971. Being one of only two African Americans on the Department, Garrett fought discrimination by educating himself, attending Essex County College and Bloomfield College. He joined the Vulcan Pioneers of the Newark Fire Department and the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters helping minorities to be hired, properly trained and promoted. He was a Charter Member of both F.O.A.M. (Firemen's Organization for the Advancement of Minorities) and F.L.A.M.E. (Firefighters League Advocating Minority Equality). Garrett receive an Exempt Fireman Certificate in 1978. In 1987 he was promoted to Assistant Communications Officer and in 1991 Acting Communication Officer. He was promoted in 1993 to Chief of Fire Alarm Operations with the rank of Deputy Chief. Garrett work with both state and local Emergency Management Officials and was Assistance Manager for the City of East Orange. He was instrumental in bringing Emergency 9-1-1 to East Orange along with Computer Aided Dispatch System for which he received a Department Citation. Garrett is a Certified Training Instructor in Basic and Advanced Telecommunications, he earned a certificate in Fire Service Communication (National Fire Academy), Certified in Emergency Management and a Level III Hazmat Technician (Middlesex Fire Academy) among other qualifications. He is a member the NJ State FMBA Local 500. Garrett retired from the East Orange Fire Department on March 1, 2000 after 29 years of service.

Prior to becoming a Mason, Garrett was affiliated with the Order of Odd Fellows and the Optimist International. He was a member of the MWPHGL F&AM, The State of NJ. He also was a member of Bethel Lodge #10 F&AM, PHA Orange, N.J. His Masonic accomplishments includes: Past Master of Bethel Lodge #10 (2002-2004), Past Commander in Chief of Sardonias Consistory #41 (2002), Past Most Wise Perfect Master (1999), Past Asst. Grand Marshall, Past Grand Standard Bearer, Past Asst. Grand Standard Bearer, District Grand Lecturer (2015-2018), District Deputy Grand Master of the Eight Masonic District (2021-Present), Past Worthy Patron of Bethlehem Chapter #41 OES (2004-2005, 2018-2019). Former member of Rising Sun Chapter #7 HRAM, and Royal and Select Masters. Garrett is also a Noble of Golconda Temple #21. Garrett was elevated to the 33rd and last Degree (GIG) in Chicago, Ill., Raymond G. Lewis Class of 2005. Reclassified to SGIG in Chicago, Ill. 2015. He served on the Education Committee, the Allocation Committee and is an Asst. Dean of Instructions for the NJ Council of Deliberations, he was elected Grand Minister of State in 2018.

Garrett was an avid sportsman who enjoys bowling, basketball, softball, golf and walking. He participated in the Senior Softball League, Senior Olympics and has won numerous medals in various sporting events. Gary was a diehard Pittsburg Steelers fan. He enjoyed traveling and loved music of all genres.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Sheila E. Winn, his children: Ann Winn, Garrett H. Winn and Latasha Spates. Grandchildren Anja Winn, Charisma Parker, Kayla Thomas, Jymir Burnett and King Bouey. Great Grandchildren: Khamani Williams, Sanjayah Winn-Stewart, Rajanae Winn, Aaliyah Roberts, Lamar Parker, Lamont Parker, and Brielle Benjamin. As well as a longtime friend Dennis Hill, Sheldia Jones (Little Sis), Aunt Mildred Winn and a host of family, friends, fire, masonic and army brothers.

Garrett was preceded by his former wife Jean Winn, grandson Brian Gilbert and great granddaughter Zayana Cave.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Bro. H. Grady James, IV, Presiding; Associate Minister,
First Bethel Baptist Church, Irvington, NJ.;
Senior Deacon, Bethel Lodge #10 F&AM PHA, Orange, N.J.

Processional

Selection.....I'm on the Battlefield

Old Testament Scripture-Psalm 23..... Bro. Craig Burns, Senior Fire Alarm Operator, EOFD
PM Bethel Lodge #10 F&AM PHA

New Testament Scripture-I Corinthians 15:48-58..... Hon. Bro. Michael Nelson, Retired Superior Court Judge,
State of N.J.; Past Commander in Chief, Sardonias
Consistory #41 AASR PHA

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Bro. Ronald B. Tuff, Associate Minister, First Bethel Baptist Church, Irvington,
NJ.; Asst. Grand Chaplain, MWPHGLNJ F&AM PHA, Orange, N.J.

Solo/Selection

Acknowledgments/ResolutionsTracey Brodnax, Communications Supervisor, EOFD

Tributes.....L.Hon. Ted Green, Mayor, East Orange, N.J.
-Most Illustrious Commander in Chief SGIG Robert L.
Oglesby, 33^o, Deputy of the Orient of N.J.
-Most Worshipful Michael A. Wiggins, Grandmaster,
MWPHGL F&AM PHA, State of N.J.

ReflectionsRev. Thurselle C. Williams, Executive Pastor, New Hope
Baptist Church, East Orange, N.J.
-Charles Salley, Retired Fire Chief, EOFD
-Dennis Hill, Family Friend
-Ms. Ann Winn, Daughter

ObituaryEloyd O. Britt, Retired Command Sergeant Major

Solo/Selection.....Bro. Aaron Thompson, Junior Master of Ceremonies,
Bethel Lodge #10 F&AM PHA

Eulogy.....Rev. Bro. H. Grady James, III, Pastor, First Bethel Baptist Church, Irvington, NJ;
Grand Chaplain, MWPHGL State of N.J.

Recessional

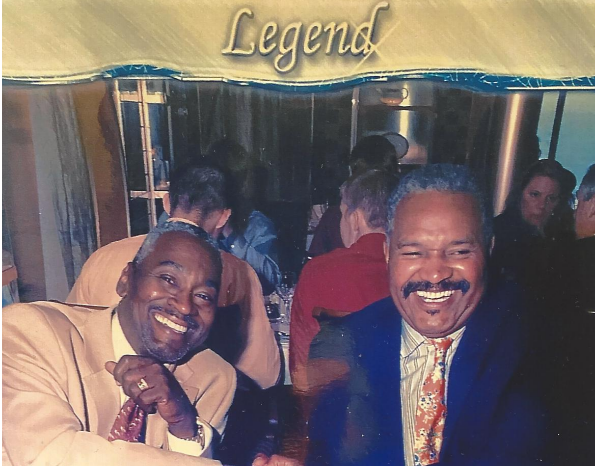
INTERMENT

Monday, November 28, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.
BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
Wrightstown, NJ 08562









PALL BEARERS

RW Bro. Shadrick Bynum, Bethel Lodge #10 F&AM PHA

RW Bro. Jonnie McFadden, Bethel Lodge #10 F&AM PHA

Bro. Ricky Smith, Bethel Lodge #10 F&AM PHA

Bro. Joe B. Heard, Bethel Lodge #10 F&AM PHA

Bro. Donald Robinson, Bethel Lodge #10 F&AM PHA

Bro. Clarence Wright, III, Bethel Lodge #10 F&AM PHA

MISS ME BUT LET ME GO

**When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?**

**Miss me a little-but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me-but let me go**

**For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home**

**When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss me but let me go.**

Author: Christina Georgina Rossetti

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The Family of **Garrett L. Winn** extend sincere gratitude for your prayers, words of comfort, and acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement.*

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