



## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
 I'm following the path God laid for me  
 I took his hand when I heard Him call  
 I turned my back and left it all.  
 I could not stay another day.  
 To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
 Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
 I found that peace at the close of day.  
 If my parting has left a void,  
 Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
 Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
 My life's been full, I savored much.  
 Good friends, good times,  
 a loved one's touch.  
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
 Don't lengthen it now  
 with undue grief.  
 Lift up your heart and share with me,  
 God wanted me now, He set me free!  
 -author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Fontaine Ronald Haynes** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:

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## *Celebration of Life for*

# *Fontaine Ronald Haynes*

Sunrise:  
 January 27, 1941

Sunset:  
 November 18, 2023



Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

### **Plinton-Curry Funeral Home**

428 Elizabeth Avenue

Somerset, New Jersey 08873

*Rev. Allen Thompson, Officiating*



## *Obituary*

Fontaine Ronald Haynes was born at Presbyterian Hospital in Newark, New Jersey on January 27, 1941 to Mary W. Haynes and James J. Haynes. He went home to be with the Lord on November 18, 2023.

Fontaine completed his early education in the Newark, New Jersey Public School system. He attended both Roosevelt Avenue and South Eighth Street Elementary Schools. Following that he briefly attended the ninth grade at Arts High in Newark until the family moved to Vaux Hall, New Jersey. He subsequently enrolled, attended and graduated from Union High School in 1959. While attending Union High Fontaine demonstrated considerable athletic prowess.

Fontaine lettered in football and track at Union High School. Although he excelled at football as a halfback, track was his first love. In 1958, Fontaine won championships in 100 and 220 yard dash at the Newark Boards Track Meet. Similarly, he won Union County championships and competitions against sprinters from other high schools in the region. While Fontaine received county-wide recognition, he went on to compete in State championships in 1958. He placed second in both events, losing only to future USA Olympic sprinter, the late Frank Budd. Chief among his accomplishments was breaking the Union High School record for the 220 yard dash previously held by Eulace Peacock, who bested Jesse Owens at several college meets during the 30's.

After his high school eligibility expired, Fontaine briefly ran for the New York Pioneer Track Club in New York City. He enrolled as a Student-Athlete in Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina in August 1959 and went on to compete at the Orangeburg Relays at South Carolina State University and Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Johnson C.

Smith University in 1963. Fontaine went on to receive a Masters in Administration from Newark State College (Kean College). With these educational credentials, he served as a Special Needs Teacher in Elizabeth, New Jersey School system. He subsequently became a Vice Principal of George Washington School #1 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. This was a community school that provided a full range of recreational, educational enrichment programs, and other activities during the evening hours. Shortly thereafter, Fontaine became Principal of School #1. He frequently met with various community groups, representatives and board members to enhance school resources, curriculum, and programs for the underserved community. Fontaine remained at School #1, until he retired in 1999. His teaching career spanned nearly thirty years wherein he was a positive impact on the educational aspirations and lives of countless youth.

Fontaine Haynes was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Haynes, his father, James Haynes, great granddaughter, Milan F. Young, grandmother, Dolly Armstrong, uncle, Johnnie Armstrong and cousin, Inez Foster.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Kathleen Graham Haynes; daughter, Kelli D. Young; grandson, Miles Fontaine Young (Emely); granddaughter, Klarke Hannah Young; sister, Karen D. Haynes of Newark, Delaware; brother, Cornelius E. Haynes (Mildred) of Fort Washington, Maryland; nieces, Dana Lovelace (Jermaine) and Kristal Mason (Freeman); their children, Dakotah, Elise, Grace, in-laws, co-workers, classmates, Fraternity Brothers, neighbors and friends.

## *Order of Service*

Processional

Hymn of Praise

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Deaconess Mildred W. Haynes (sister-in-law)

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Deacon Cornelius E. Haynes (brother)

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Reflections/Tributes (limited to 2 minutes)

Acknowledgements

Obituary (read silently)

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Recessional