



A Tribute to a husband, father and friend

*Yours was a useful life;
You wrought well while here;
You were generous with your time
As you toiled from year to year,
Many a life you did touch
You lived simply, never asking for much.*

*We didn't want to give you up
But sleep, sleep on, take your rest
This act of God, we dare not question
For He alone knows best.*

The Family

The Family will receive friends immediately after the interment for a repast in Bethany's Fellowship Hall.

Acknowledgement

The family would like to thank you for your prayers and kind expressions of sympathy as they celebrate the life of Brother Ernest Rivers, Jr. Please continue to remember us in your prayers May God continue to bless each one of you

The Family



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Celebrating The Life of

Russell Saunders

Sunrise
March 16th, 1929

Sunset
March 10th, 2007



Saturday, March 17th, 2007 - 10:00 am

Bethany Baptist Church

*275 West Market Street
Newark, New Jersey*

Rev. Dr., M. William Howard, Jr., Pastor
Officiating

Order of Service

Organ Prelude	"It Is Well" Philip Bingham & Robert Arrington
Processional	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy, #1</i> <i>All Stand Except the Family</i>
Prayer of Comfort	Minister Renee Brown
Scripture Readings	
<i>Old Testament</i> Psalm 27	Deaconess Debra DeRamus
<i>New Testament</i> II Corinthians 4:6-12	Deacon Alonzo DeRamus
Selection	"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" #51
Resolutions/Acknowledgements/Tributes	
Instrumental Mental Selection	"Amazing Grace" Philip Bingham
Obituary	-Read Silently-
Solo	Rev. Ricky Hayes, Elkin, NC
The Eulogy	Dr. Howard
Closing Prayer	
Recessional	"I'll Fly Away" #465

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
1900 Galloping Hill Rd.
Kenilworth, NJ

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Obituary

Russell Saunders was one of twelve children born to the late General and Elsie Lemon Saunders in Edwight, West Virginia. He was born on March 16, 1929 and was called to rest on March 10, 2007.

While still in high school, he worked beside his father in the coal mines, but selected to return to school and graduated from Byrd Prillerman High School in Amigo, WV. Russell was called to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict after which he settled in Detroit, MI. Most of his adult life was spent in Detroit, MI and Maplewood, NJ.

Russell was united in marriage to the former Delores Brown and to this union three children, Mark Russell, Jennifer Shaundeen and David Anthony were born.

In 1953 Russell began his career with the U.S. Postal Service. Because of his sharp intellect, strong work ethic and a desire to succeed, he was constantly moving to better positions within the Postal Service achieving numerous certificates. He went from a temporary mail clerk to become a Postal Inspector. Out of more than three thousand inspectors of that day, there were less than a dozen Blacks in this position. After fourteen weeks of training he was sent to the Newark area and traveled extensively in this capacity.

Russell was known to all as a devoted "family man." His wife and children were his motivation. Delores and Russell had fifty-three wonderful years of marriage. After forty-six years together, Russell wrote in a memoir, "It has been forty-six good years and blessings in so many ways that I cannot say or count."

Since confessing his faith at age sixteen in Winding Gulf, WV, Russell has been devoted to the church. In Detroit, he was a member of Central Congregational Church. After coming to New Jersey, he and his family joined Macedonia Christian Church in Vauxhall,

NJ where he served as superintendent of Sunday school. Later he became a part of First Baptist Church also in Vauxhall where he served on the Board of Deacons. Five years ago, Delores & Russell were welcomed into the Bethany Baptist Church family where they took roots and Russell was an active member of the Men's Fellowship.

He leaves to celebrate his memory, his devoted wife Delores; two sons: Mark Russell (Jacqueline) Allentown, PA, and David Anthony of Newark, NJ; a daughter, Jennifer of East Orange, NJ; a daughter in law, Linda Howard-Saunders of Easton, PA; seven grandchildren: Mark Russell II, Melinda and Monique, David Anthony II, Danielle, Denise and Donovan; siblings: Louise Jenkins of Rand, WV; Ruby Reye (Jesse) Berry of Raleigh, WV; Estell (Walter) Collins of Louisville, KY, Helen Byers of Dunbar, WV, Betty Jean Stewart of Beckley, WV; brother, Herbert (Proxy) of Chicago, IL; brother-in-laws: Bishop Thomas Lee and Lenoplis Miller of Detroit, MI; sister-in-law, Julie Saunders of Raleigh, NC; aunts and uncles: Livonia Yancey of Brooklyn, NY, Mary Jones of Ferrum, VA, Eula (Charles) Haythe of Lynchburg, VA, Mattie Lemon of Rocky Mt, VA, and Kenneth Lemon of CN. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

"Live simply, love generously, speak kindly, be thankful, live holy, leave the rest to God..." this was Russell.

Dear Russell,

This I will remember when the rest of life is through; the finest thing I've ever done is simply loving you.

Your loving wife, Delores