

## ***Fireman's Prayer***

*When I am called to duty, God,  
wherever flames may rage,  
give me strength to save a life,  
whatever be its age.*

*Help me embrace a little child  
before it is too late,  
or save an older person from  
the horror of that fate.*

*Enable me to be alert,  
and hear the weakest shout,  
quickly and efficiently  
to put the fire out.*

*I want to fill my calling,  
to give the best in me,  
to guard my friend and neighbor,  
and protect his property.*

*And if according to Your will  
I must answer death's call,  
bless with your protecting hand,  
my family one and all.*



## ***A Celebration of Life***



***Oliver "Monk" R. Matthews***  
***August 16, 1920 – July 5, 2017***

# Obituary

**Funeral Service**  
**1 p.m. Saturday, July 8, 2017**  
**Jesus First Church**  
**7467 Camden Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28306**

*Prelude*

*Opening Prayer*                      *Rev. Glenn Hoard*

*Song*                                      *Pam Ratcliff*  
*“God On The Mountain”*

*Old Testament Reading*              *Rev. Tom Corney*

*Poem*                                      *Great Great Granddaughter Lilly*

*Hymn*                                      *Congregation*  
*“Amazing Grace”*

*The Fireman’s Prayer*

*Message*                                  *Pastor Gary Leviner*

*Processional Hymn*                      *Congregation*  
*“We Are Standing On Holy Ground”*

*Interment to follow in*  
*Cross Creek Cemetery*  
*Fayetteville, NC*

*Mr. Oliver "Papa Monk" Rudolph Matthews, 96, of Fayetteville went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, July 5, 2017.*

*Monk was born to the late Mary Agnes and John Fleet. He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte, his four brothers, two sisters and three grandchildren.*

*Monk served in the US Army for four years. He went on to serve his community for 32 years with the Fayetteville Fire Department. Prior to his retirement he earned the rank of Captain at the Central City of Fayetteville Fire Department.*

*Monk was a man that was respected and loved by all that knew him. He will be deeply missed by many and especially missed by his five children, Sylvia Johnson and husband, Rennie of Hope Mills, Gloria Driggers and husband, Tom of Hope Mills, Debbie Edwards of Fayetteville, Michael Sessoms and wife, Beverly of Fayetteville and Janice Hammond and husband, Bob of Hope Mills. His big hugs will be missed by his 19 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, 15 great great grandchildren; and a special niece, Donna Bates and husband, Ricky of Fayetteville; as well as a numerous nieces and nephews.*