



My Journey Is Over

Please don't cry for me, please don't weep,
 For I am not dead, I'm only asleep.
 You see, I'm resting now from
 life's suffering and pain.
 My crown in glory, I now wait to gain.
 I want you to know that I love you,
 Oh, I love you so. But now the time
 has come for me to go
 The gulf between life and death is not very wide,
 We'll meet again soon on the other side.
 My life was good, my joy fulfilled,
 But now I'm in my Master's will;
 Don't be afraid, please do not fear,
 For my God He is always near,
 He will watch over you while I'm gone,
 He will never ever leave you alone.
 I must sleep now, I must rest
 For I know God loves me and He knows best.
 Surely my death I do not regret,
 God has taken me from all worry and fret.
 I have finished my course and fought a good fight,
 And now I must take my flight.
 The battle for me now is over, and the victory has been won.
 Now I will hear my Savior say,
 Well done, Servant, well done

— Author Unknown

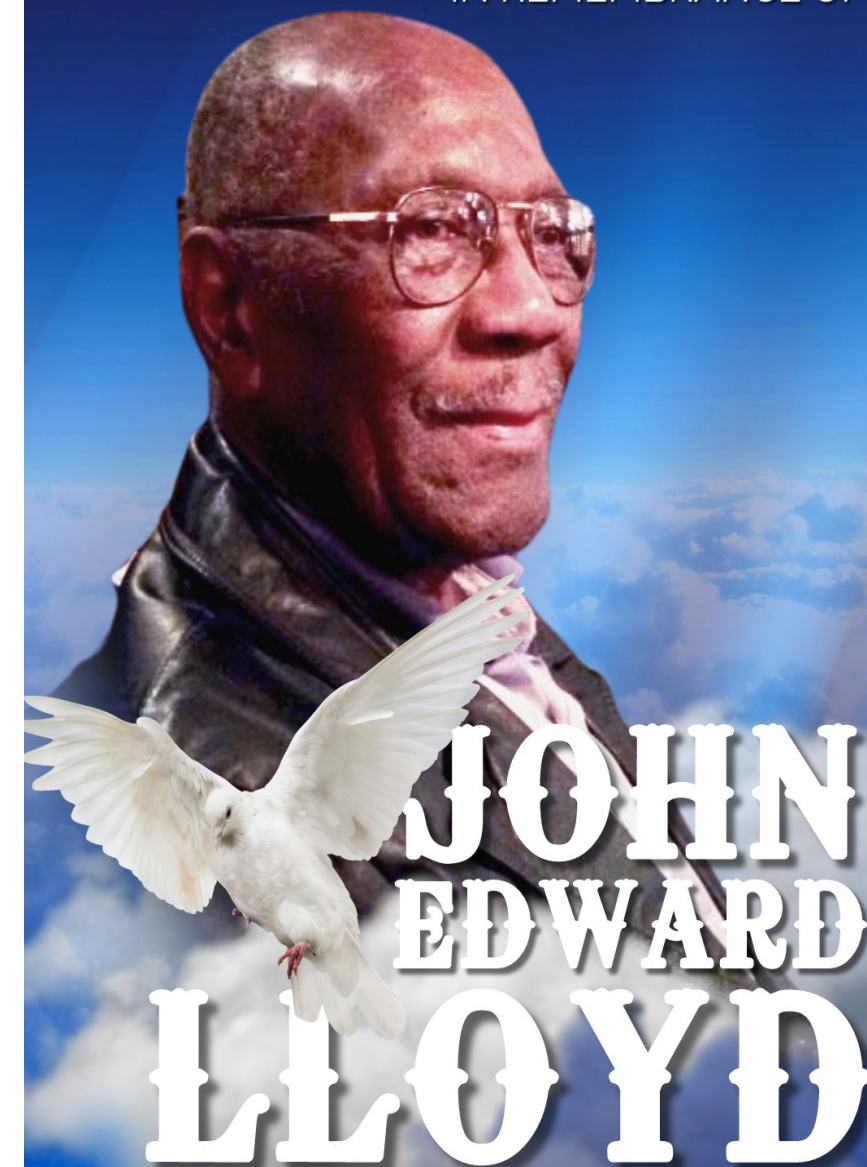
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Homegoing Celebration

IN REMEMBRANCE OF



Emmanuel United Methodist Church
 1163 Bishopville Highway
 Camden, South Carolina 29020

Saturday, December 17, 2022
 11:00 AM

Reverend Jerry L. Dicks, Pastor

In Remembrance

John Edward Lloyd also known as “Baby Ray”/”Ray” was born March 19,1927 to the late Mrs. Laura Mickle and Reverend Richard Lathan Lloyd. John was lucky number thirteen of fifteen children and was given the nickname “Baby Ray” (after the name of a character in the Dick and Jane Readers) by his sisters. He entered eternal rest on December 11, 2022.

John attended Kershaw County Schools, including Antioch, St. Matthew and Jackson High. Although he grew up during the great depression, he did not want for anything as his father was a farmer, carpenter and minister.

In addition to working in the fields, he often helped his father and siblings build houses, a few of which still stand today.

In his spare time, Ray enjoyed cowboy movies and getting into mischief with his friends and cousins. He also enjoyed singing and was in a couple of quartets whose music aired on the radio on Sundays.

As a young man, Ray was drafted into the Army and found himself in Korea serving with a tank battalion. After he returned stateside, he re-enlisted and eventually ended up in Airborne training at Ft. Bragg, NC. After his time in the service, he returned home but not satisfied with the working conditions he followed big brother Richard to NY.

While in NY he met and married Connie Meeks in October 1956. They lived in Lodi and Hackensack, NJ not far from big sister, Willene Dow.

To this union four children were added, Richard, Regina, Clayton, and Na'im (formally known as John, Jr. aka Jake). Eventually the family made their home in Newark, NJ. John worked as a chimney sweep for a short time, an iron worker and a manager of a liquor store. Later in life he delivered parts for an auto parts store.

John was a member of Varick Memorial AME Zion Church in Hackensack, NJ and served as a senior and district usher. He also was an active member of St. Paul Lodge #7 in Hackensack, NJ.

After over 40 years of living in NJ, John/Ray returned home to Camden, SC, where he enjoyed gardening, fishing, attending concerts and visiting with family and friends. He moved his membership back to his home church, Emmanuel UMC, where he served as usher, trustee, was on all the choirs & was a member of the United Methodist Men.

John was a fun-loving, easy-going jokester who never met a stranger. He introduced himself to almost everyone as Uncle Ray.

Left to celebrate his homegoing are his children; Richard Lloyd, Regina (Anthony) Santos, Clayton (Michele) Lloyd, and Na'im Rashid (Adele); grandchildren, Christian Lloyd, Corey Lloyd, Adia Daglow and Ayman Rashid; a special great-niece, Kimberly Henderson.

He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins & friends. He was pre-deceased by twins; Lloyd; his wife; Connie Meeks Lloyd, siblings; Rebecca Lloyd, Isaac Lloyd, Hoover Lloyd, Laura Sutton, Willie Lloyd, Otis Lloyd, Richard Lloyd, Florie Ruth Hyman, Helen Joy, Walter A. Lloyd, Willene Dow, Phoebe Nelson, Thelma DuBois & Jessie Margaret Joy.

Uncle Ray will be missed for his gentle loving spirit, easy laugh and fun-loving ways.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank all of Uncle Ray's Angels, Ollie Thompson-Brisbane, Betty Grant, Patricia and Ransom Smith, Claude Eichelberger, Nora Gatlin, Michael Joy, Thomas Thompson and The Emmanuel Church Family, Amedysis Hospice, Suzanne Rapp, Karen Thomas and Karen Scott, and the crew at KFC including Ms. Bessie, Vicky, Renee, Nette, Furman, and Meola Dow.

Pallbearers

Grandsons/Nephews/Friends

Flower Bearers

Nieces/United Women of Faith

The Order of Service

The Reverend Jerry L. Dicks, Officiating

The Gathering

ProcessionalClergy and Family

Musical Prelude.....Mr. Jerry Oates

Words of Grace.....Reverend Jerry L. Dicks

Greeting.....Reverend Jerry L. Dicks

Hymn

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8.....Dr. Ransom Smith

New Testament.....John 14: 1-6.....Ms. Jeanette McCray

Reflections (Please limit to two minutes)

Church..... Mr. Bhakti L. Hough

Family..... Mr. Willie Nelson, *Nephew*

Ms. Kimberly Henderson, *Great niece*

Mr. Richard Lloyd, *Eldest son*

AcknowledgementsMrs. Ollie Thompson- Brisbane

Obituary (read silently)

Solo/SelectionMr. Bhakti L. Hough

Words of ComfortReverend Jerry L. Dicks

SoloMin. Donna Stoney, *Great niece*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH#881

*GLORI PATRI UMH#71

COMMENDATION

Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Reverend John P. Brown

The Lord's Prayer

Recessional “Let The Church Say Amen”

Benediction, Committal Rites, and Interment

Emmanuel Baptist Church Cemetery