

Resting Easy

Just as soon as I can see this man,

the one that set ME free,

that shown Judah up that mountain,

the same man from Galilee,

I know *He'll* meet ME

and I do believe *He'll* greet ME,

look at *Him* with *His* arms wide open,

waiting there to welcome ME,

and I'll be *Resting Easy,*

Resting Easy,

over on the other shore..."



Pall Bearers

Family & Friends

Floral Bearers

Order of the Golden Circle and The Eastern Stars

Acknowledgements

The family would like to thank each and everyone for your acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Whatever part you did, flowers, cards, monetary donations, even phone calls with a kind uplifting word will not go unnoticed. We will always love you.

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Thank you, the Felton Family

Interment

West Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

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HOMEGOING SERVICE FOR



Dennis Edward **FELTON**

SUNRISE: MARCH 15, 1948 ~ SUNSET: DECEMBER 29, 2021

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

12:00 NOON

MT. LEBANON AME ZION CHURCH
316 CULPEPPER STREET, ELIZABETH CITY, NC 27909

Rev. Javan Leach, Officiating
Rev. Miracle Parker, Eulogist

Order of Service

PRELUDE

God Is Still In Charge

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy, Family and Friends

MUSICAL SELECTION

Moses Temple Male Chorus Brother/Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament - Rev. Alvin Boone

New Testament - Rev. Leon Brothers

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Rev. Jasper Gaskins

MUSICAL SELECTION

Moses Temple Male Chorus

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CHURCH RESOLUTION

Patrice Stewart

TRIBUTES

Latanya Frost/Gospel Innovations

Order of the Eastern Stars

Meridian Lodge #18

REMARKS

(Two minutes please)

Co-workers

Friends - Herbert Bowe and Albert Riddick

Family - Children and Grandchildren

EULOGY

Rev. Miracle Parker

FINAL VIEWING

Mitchell Funeral Care and Cremations

INTERMENT WITH MILITARY RITES

West Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery

Elizabeth City, NC 27909

BENEDICTION

Reflection of Life

Dennis Edward Felton was born March 15, 1948, to the late Eddie Floyd Felton Sr. and the late Alice Johnson Felton of Winfall, NC. He departed this life on December 29, 2021. He peacefully went with the Lord at his residence surrounded by his loving family at his side.

During his early years, he was a member of Poplar Run AME Zion Church. He joined Mary Holly Grove AME Zion Church after his marriage to Vernita B. Felton. There he joined the Mary Holly Young Adult Choir and served as Trustee, Preacher Steward, and a Financial Steward. Dennis started singing as a young man with his Uncle Flap (James White) who taught him along with his brothers, June P and Ace how to sing. When he moved to Elizabeth City, NC, he continued singing with the Moses Temple Male Chorus and the Mary Holly Grove Young Adult Choir. His father-in-law once told him, "If you are going to sing, why don't you sing with the children?" Dennis did exactly that, he became fully committed to the Mary Holly Grove Young Adult Choir, who later became known as The Gospel Innovations. The group traveled near and far singing God's praises in which he perfected himself and the famous song "RESTING EASY" which was copyrighted and recorded in the United States Copyright office led by Dennis. Dennis was educated in the Perquimans County Public School System where he was an avid football and basketball player.

In 1968 he enlisted in the United States Army where he served two years of active duty. While serving as an infantry man he also became a food service specialist. He attended Combat Engineer School and became a Combat Engineer Specialist. Dennis was an expert rifle man for the M-16. He received several awards such as: The Medal of Good Conduct, (4) Army Reserve Achievement Medals, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserved Medal, Army Commendation Medal, NCO Proficiency Development Medal, (2) National Defense Service Medals and The Expert Rifle Badge.

Dennis continued his service by joining the Army National Guard in 1975 and serving for 19 years. He served 4 years in the Army Reserve, retiring with 25 years of service with the Rank of E6 (Staff Sergeant). In 2016, he was inducted into the Perquimans County Hall of Fame with his teammates for the State Champions Football Team of 1966 (Perquimans Pirates).

Dennis was a hard worker and good provider for his family. On May 23, 1969, he married Vernita, whom he affectionately called Neat. They were blessed with three children, Michael, Anthony and Venetia. In his early years, he was employed by Thornton Furniture Company and did some brick masonry work. Not being satisfied with his means of employment, Dennis went to work at the Newport News Shipyard and worked for 6 years. He transferred to the Norfolk Naval Shipyard to obtain better benefits. He was employed as a Shipfitter and retired after 32 years of employment.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ronnie Felton, Anthony Felton and Eddie Felton, Jr.; his mother, Alice Johnson Felton; father, Eddie Floyd Felton; five aunts, Mamie, Katrina, Mattie, Sophia, Ethel Marie; four uncles, Dennis, Wells, Willie Lee and James; Dennis Brothers (deceased), Leander & Mary Brothers (deceased) and Thadus & Mary Brothers (deceased).

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Vernita Felton of 52 years; three children, Michael Felton of Durham NC, Anthony Felton (Carrie) of Gillette WY, Venetia Felton Ojepe (Dare) of Atlanta, GA; nine grandchildren, Anthony Jr., Keanan, Sha'Nequa, Nolan, Daylan, Shawn Jr., Brandon, Andre, Darius "D" and one great grandchild, Khian; special daughters and godchildren, Latisha Tucker (Tee), Iris McKoy, Lakita McLean, Jaleesa Allen, Deborah Brothers and Gene Brothers; his sisters, Alice Downing (Marcus) of Hertford, NC, Cynthia "Cookie" Felton-Kellum (Elbert), Kim Felton-Bullock (Tony), Marie Felton Hardy (Donald), Robin Felton, Diane Sowell all of Brooklyn, NY; his brothers, Leon Felton (Nena) of Winfall, NC, Eric Felton, Timothy Felton and Larry Sowell all of Brooklyn, NY; four aunts, Betty Johnson of Winfall, NC, Betty White of Woodville, NC, Aunt Fanny of New York, Aunt Doris of Elizabeth City, NC; three sister-in-laws, Rosa Frost (Norman, deceased) Omedia Griffin (Clayton, deceased) and Wealtha Brothers (Orville, deceased); five brother-in-laws, Lindsey Brothers, Solomon Brothers (Pauline), Ervin Brothers (Beluah, deceased), Leon Brothers (Shirley) and James Brothers (Shirley) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

