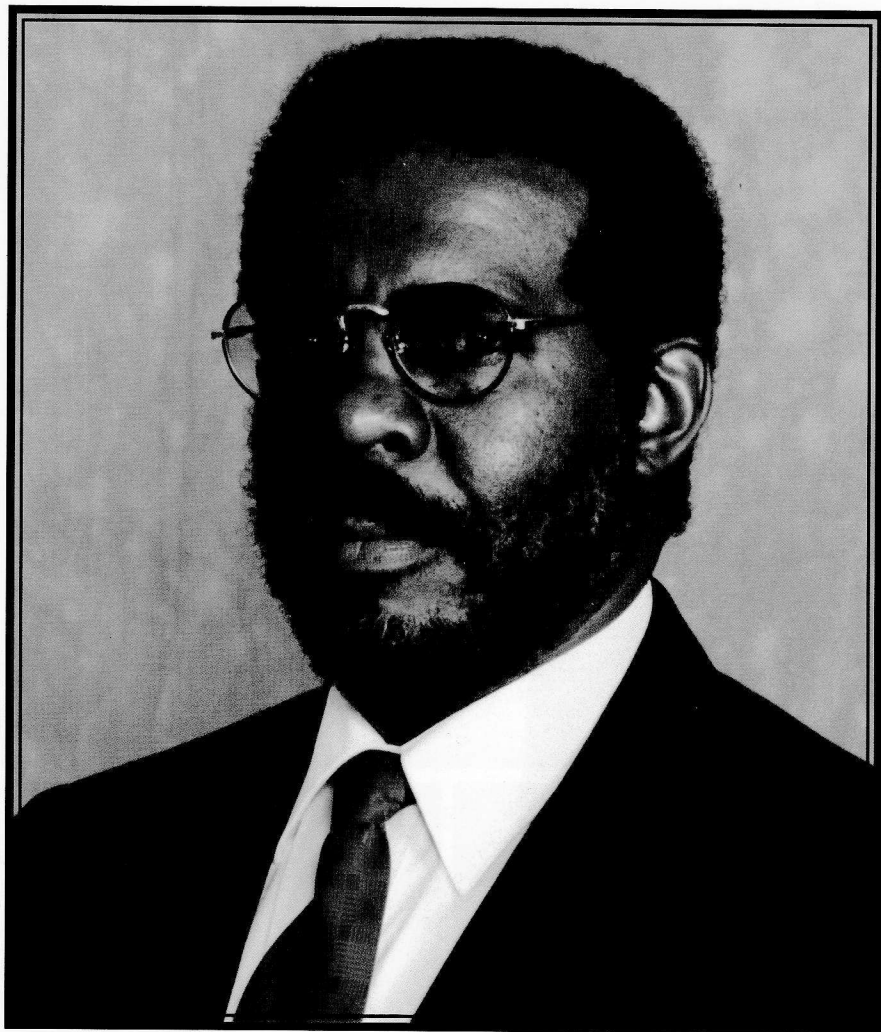


Homegoing Celebration Of
ELI WASHINGTON

Sunrise: August 29, 1940

Sunset: August 7, 2020

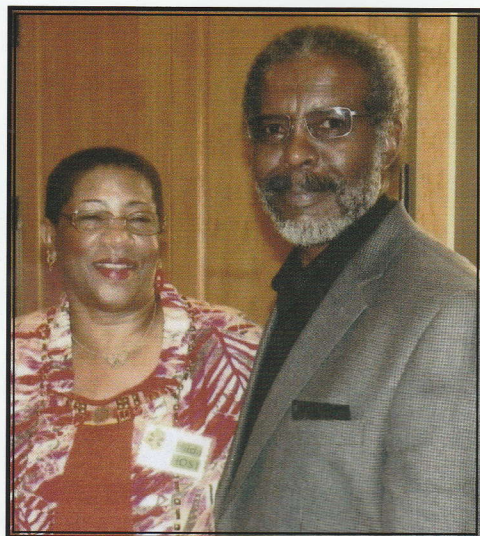
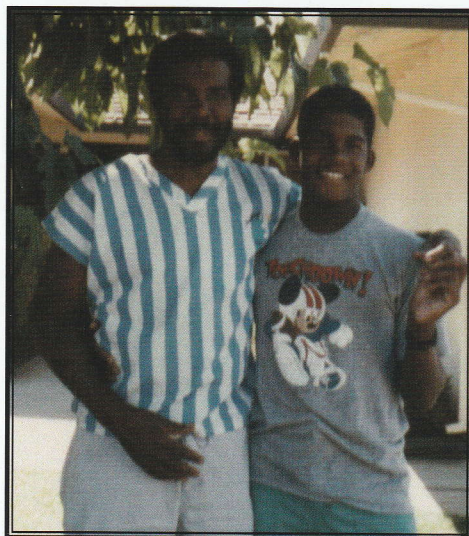


Thursday, August 13, 2020 - 10:00 AM

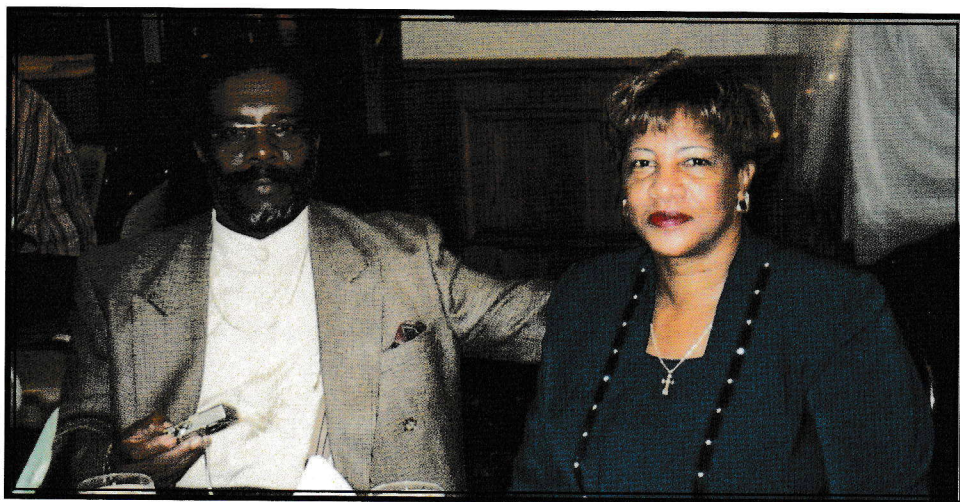
THOMPSON ROSE CHAPEL

3601 5th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817

Pastor Anthony Sadler, Officiating



UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN



ELI, thank you for loving me and being there for me and Reese over the years. I started my life with you at a very young age. Back then, I had no clue how very colorful our lives would be. But looking back in retrospect, God used all of those varied colors to make a masterpiece. You were a beautiful person who showed so much love over the years.

You had a very special gift of remembering and serving those, who felt forgotten. You helped place a smile on many faces.

Eli, we stayed together longer than most people have lived. I have spent a lifetime with you. I have loved you, respected you and next to God... I have placed no one before you. It's been a blessing to be your wife. I loved you and I always will. Take your rest.

Until We Meet Again! - Hilda

THOUGHTS OF YOU

A special Dad is hard to find.
You, Dad, I'm keeping in my mind.
I wished you could have stayed forever,
But I will never forget you; oh, not ever.

If dreams weren't dreams and dreams came true,
I wouldn't be here; I'd be with you.
Distance is one thing that keeps us apart,
But, Dad, you will always remain in my heart.

A special smile, a special face,
A special someone I can't replace,
I love you and I always will.
You filled a space that no one else could fulfill.

Thanks Dad, for understanding me
and loving me unconditionally.

No matter what others thought or
might have said, I always knew that I
had a friend and supporter in you.

You once told me that I was your hero
and I laughed inside... Because for
me... there could be no greater hero
than you!

Love, Maurice Washington "Reese"

REMEMBERING THE LIFE

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth... O taste

A TIME TO BE BORN:

Eli Washington was born August 29, 1940 in Natchez, Mississippi, the middle child of Joseph "Hutch" Washington and Mary Lou "Precious" Butler Washington. Hutch passed away when Eli was just 10 years old, leaving him to be raised by his mother along with his older brother "Joe" and his younger sister "Julia". He grew up in a very close-knit family of uncles and aunts, first-cousins, other cousins and friends, affectionately called Bijou.

A TIME TO PLANT:

Eli attended Deer Park Elementary School, Natchez Jr. College High School, and graduated from Sadie V. Thompson High School in 1959. After high school he relocated to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he lived with his Aunt Orelia and worked in a grocery store until 1961. He then relocated to the Oakland/Berkeley, California area, to live with his brother, Joe. Eli found employment with the General Services Administration (GSA), US Public Services Health Hospital in San Francisco in the Motor Pool as a mechanic. In 1965 when an opening became available, he moved into a position with GSA Fleet Management/Motor Pool which took him to Redding, California, back to San Francisco and again to Redding. In 1971 he was promoted to Manager in the Motor Pool/Fleet Management Division of GSA, and relocated to Yuma, Arizona. He was the first African-American Manager to hold this position in the GSA.

In 1972, Eli's job again relocated him to Los Angeles, California. He lived in nearby Altadena and attended Pasadena City College. In 1978, he was again promoted and relocated to Sacramento, California, where he would live the rest of his working career, retiring in 2004 after 41 years of service. Under his management his Motor Pool/Fleet Management Division had the highest rate of return of monthly sales of all the GSA Motor Pools across the country. He was always Employee of the Month, and over the years grew his fleet from 500 vehicles to 5000 vehicles. His work took him to Germany for training for several months, and to Hawaii to help a struggling Motor Pool.

A TIME TO LIVE:

While living and working in Redding, California Eli met his life-long wife and partner Hilda Howard. They were married in 1971, and she remained by his side through sickness and in health until they were parted by death on August 7, 2020.

E OF ELI WASHINGTON

e and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. Psalm 34:1-8

Even though Eli grew up in a strongly religious family, he did not confess Christ until 1980 when he was baptized by Reverend O. C. Jones and joined the Shiloh Baptist Church. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1993 by Reverend James Rodgers. Being employed in the Motor Pool Eli naturally became Chairperson of the Transportation Ministry, a position he held until his health began to fail. He also served on the Revival Committee and The Family Day Planning Committee.

A TIME TO HARVEST:

Eli loved cars and motorcycles, so much so that he collected them and never got rid of any car he owned. He would tinker with them and change things about them, like the time he took the gear shift off the steering column and put it in the floor of one of his cars. He cared deeply about people, and carried everybody's problems on his shoulders, mainly because he didn't know how to say "No". From 2003 to 2012 he served as Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento, providing comfort to persons and families in trauma.

A TIME TO MOURN:

Eli was preceded in death by his parents: Joseph and Mary Lou Washington; his Son, Larry LaVanda Bassett; his Mother-in-Love Olivia Foster, and his Brother-in-Love Wendell Holmes.

He leaves to cherish his memory: His loving wife of 49 years, Hilda and Son, Maurice Washington, Sacramento, CA; Daughters: Dwanda Trask and Dione Milan K. Washington, Cerritos, CA; Daughter-in-Love: Delores Minor Bassett, Dallas, TX; Grandchildren: Ashton Trask and Asia Gibson, New Orleans, LA; and Maya Angel and Amora Milan Washington, Cerritos, CA; Brother: Joseph Washington (Shirley), Hercules, CA; Sister: Julia Washington Holmes, Las Vegas, NV; Brothers-in-Love: Basil Cobb (Gloria) and David Preston, Gloster, MS; Robert Howard and Jeff Foster, Portland, OR; Nephews: Duan Washington (Lynette), Oakland, CA; Michael Washington, Antioch, CA; and Marlon Washington (Jennifer), Fairfield, CA; his little Brother-Friend, Otis Mazique, Jr, Natchez, MS; God-Son, Andrew Smith (Larasha), Sacramento, CA; and a host of grand-nephews and grand-nieces, cousins and friends.

Eli also leaves a group of "Brothers of Choice": Willie "Mickey" Rice, Lonnie Buck, Stan Hunter, Charles Lee, Darris Gooding, Frankie Law and Richard Lee. Take your rest Eli. We all love you and will miss you dearly.

HE'S GONE

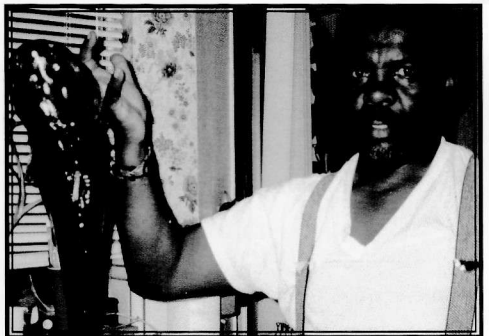
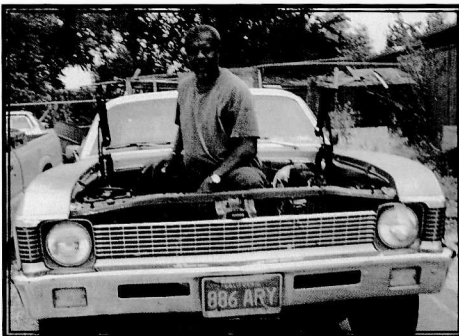
*You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him only that he is gone, or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back.
Or you can do what he'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

*Dad, we will ALWAYS love and cherish you! You were an amazing human being,
with the biggest heart. You were diligent and operated in the Spirit of EXCELLENCE!
You may be gone, but you will never ever be forgotten! The legacy continues...*

Love, Dr. Dione Milan K. Washington
Maya Angel Washington & Amora Milan Washington



Pop was the biggest, strongest most positive black man in my life. The only positive black man in my life. He taught how to be a strong black man... And I have become one. I want to say thank you pop, continue to walk with me as I teach my son how to be a strong black man. I LOVE YOU ELI WASHINGTON, my God Sent Father. Andrew Smith, Godson



Homegoing Celebration Of ELI WASHINGTON

Sunrise: August 29, 1940

Sunset: August 7, 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	Clergy and the Family
Officiating Minister	Pastor Anthony Sadler
Scriptures: Old Testament: Palms 34:1-8	Reverend Charles Johnson
New Testament: Romans 12:1-2	Reverend Charles Johnson
Prayer	Reverend Charles Johnson
Selection: I'll Fly Away	Glen Smith
Acknowledgments & Condolences	Raynett Young
Resolutions	Raynett Young
Selection	Regina Finney
Obituary	Read Silently
Remarks (Limit 2 minutes please)	Frankie Law
.....	Deacon Lonnie Buck
.....	Dr. Dione Washington
Eulogy	Pastor Anthony Sadler

Don't think of him as gone away. His journey has just begun. Life holds so many facets this earth is only one. Just think of him as resting from the sorrows and the tears in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years. Think how he must be wishing that we could know today how nothing but sadness can really pass away. Think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched for nothing loved is ever lost and he was loved so much.

Interment:
Camelia Memorial Lawn
10221 Jackson Road, Sacramento, CA 95827