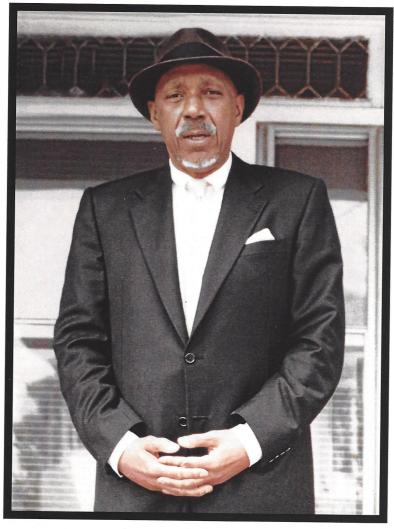
In Loving Memory of DOUGHTRY "DOC" LONG

March 14, 1942 - January 27, 2020



Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 3:00 pm 340 Reverend S. Howard Woodson Way, Trenton, NJ 08618 Rev Dr. Darrell L. Armstrong, Pastor

A Purposeful

Doughtry "Doc" Long, Jr., was born a twin in Atlanta, Georgia on March 14, 1942 to Jessie Wooden and Doughtry Long. He was raised in Trenton, New Jersey and was a life-long scholar, attending West Virginia State College and earning a Master's in Urban Studies from the College of New Jersey. Doc went on to serve as an educator for more than 30 years, leaving an indelible legacy as a teacher of literature and creative writing at his alma mater, Trenton Central High School.



He spent his lifetime exploring his love of worldwide travel, fishing, jazz, and poetry. Doc's commitment to education and service extended to often overlooked populations, leading him to help organize the African American Studies Program at Trenton State Prison. He also served as a community development specialist for the Peace Corps in West Africa, where he recruited civic-minded volunteers from Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The turbulent 1960's shaped Doc's political activism and social consciousness. He believed that although the struggle for freedom was often discouraging, there must be a vigilant, tenacious effort to help shape the ideals of Democracy and recognition of one humanity. Gifted with the ability to infuse these ideologies into words, the influence of his celebrated writings is impossible to measure.

The written word was Doc's passion, and he received countless awards and recognition, most notably the Broadside Press Award for Poetry. In addition, Doc

was honored with a fellowship from the New Jersey State Council of the Arts, the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, and recently a tribute from the Passage Theater of Trenton. He was proudly affiliated with The Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Foundation, The New Jersey Artist Teacher Institute and Cave Canem, which serves as a haven and a voice for African American Poets. Doc headed the Phoenix Literary Magazine, a grant-based independent literary project at Trenton Central High, and worked with The Poetry in the Schools program in New York City.

Doc's poetry has been published in numerous journals including the 50th Anniversary Edition of The Literary Review, Brilliant Corners, Obsidian, The Painted Bride Quarterly, US I Worksheets and Black Renaissance Noir. His work has been featured in countless anthologies, including The Poetry of Black America, Blue Stones and Salt Hay, Gathering Ground, Let Loose On the World, A Rock Against the Wind and Legacies. His most recent publications include the compact disc, Darker Light; two volumes of poetry, Timbuktu Blues and Rules for Cool; a chapter book, Zoom Sway; and, Book of Numbers, a children's book he lovingly dedicated to his grandchildren. In the early 1970's, Doc also published Black Love Black Hope and A Song for Nia.

The beloved father of three accomplished daughters, Lori Rambough, Nia Long and Djamila McRae, Doc is survived by his former wife, Talita Long; four cherished grandsons, Massai Zhivago Dorsey, Ronin Thomas McRae, Devin Eugene McRae, Kez Sunday Long Udoka; son-in-law Melford McRae, and a host of family and friends who loved him dearly. Though his earthly life came to an end on January 27, 2020, Doc's legacy will profoundly continue in the hearts of all who knew him, loved him, and who were inspired by his words.

The Order of BRVICE

Processional into Sanctuary

Prelude

"Amazing Grace" (instrumental)

Call to Worship/Invocation

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:1-12 New Testament: Matthew 5:1-16

Prayer of Comfort

Resolutions, Church & Political Acknowledgements

Tribute - Doughtry "Doc" The Friend

Reading of the Obituary

Tribute - Doughtry "Doc" Father / Grandfather / Patriarch

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Musical Selection "His.

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Tributes - Doughtry "Doc" Father / Grandfather / Patriarch

Musical Selection

"You Are So Beautiful"

Eulogy

Closing Remarks & Prayer

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Recessional "Never Would Have Made It"

Deacon Daniel Grady

Elder Felton Rowe, Jr.

Rev. Dr. Darrell L. Armstrong

Deaconess Sharon Grady
Trustee Aide Letilla Chapman

Rev. Maureen Gerald

Rev. Dr. Darrell L. Armstrong

James Robinson
Ted Wilson
Leonard "Junny" Wooden

Hope Grant

Djamila McRae Ronin McRae Devin McRae

Lori Rambough

Elder Felton Rowe, Jr.

Nia T. Long Massai Z. Dorsey Kez S. Long Udoka

Talita Long

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Private repast and fellowship meal for invited guests immediately following the service



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There's not enough time
not to care
and too much time
that needs caring for.

Doughtry "Doc" Long

Acknowledgments

With sincere gratitude, we thank you for your words, gestures and acts of compassion, sympathy and love. In Doc's honor, may we all recognize our gifts, our obligations to humanity and our connection to one another.