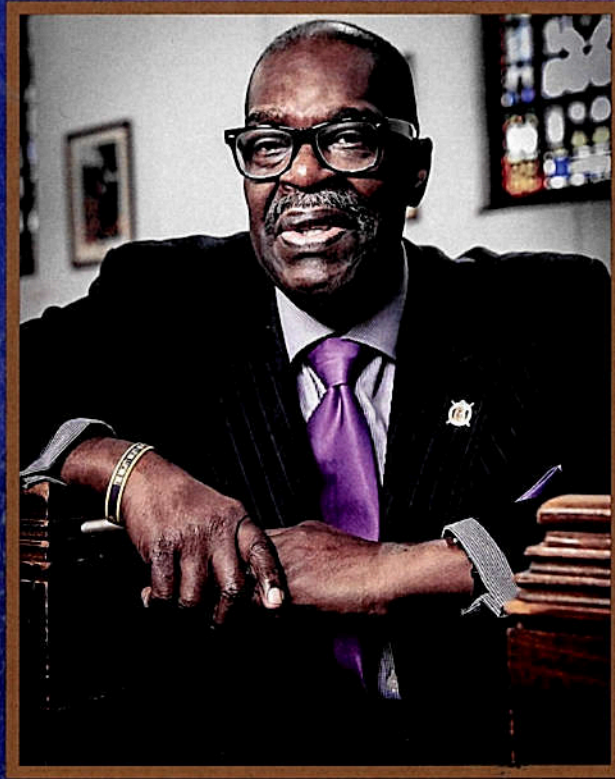


CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JOSEPH CHARLES ROUSE, SR.

Sunrise
March 15, 1954

Sunset
August 17, 2018



Saturday, August 25, 2018 - 12:00 Noon

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

51 Elm Street
Montclair, New Jersey 07042

Rev. Leslie Houseworth-Fields, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell, Eulogist
Myron Smith, Organist

OBITUARY

Joseph C. Rouse, Sr. was born on March 15, 1954 and raised in Jersey City, NJ. He graduated from Lincoln High School where he was a star football player.

He attended Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ on an athletic scholarship and graduated in 1976. He was involved in various on campus activities. As a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity he helped to found Kappa Eta, the very first Black Fraternity chapter on its campus. He was a member of the Eta Pi chapter in Montclair, NJ and was a former Basilus. He has served the fraternity as Second District undergraduate representative, Corridor IV deputy representative.

He was a member of Calvary CME Church in Jersey City from birth through adulthood and later joined St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Montclair, NJ. As a member of St. Mark's he has served in many capacities over the years: chairman of the Council of Ministries, chairman of the Church Council, church treasurer, chairman and member of the trustee board, Senior Youth Advisor, member of St. Mark's van ministry, member of the Community Breakfast committee, and District Board of Trustees.

He has also served the YMCA of the Oranges on the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee.

Throughout his professional career he served in various capacities in Information Technology, Construction Project Management, and Education, including serving as a Vice President of Bank of America Trust Company of New York.

He served as Board President of the Burch Charter School of Excellence in Irvington, NJ, which was founded in 2008, and has grades K-5. He also served as Board President of The Leaguers Community Development Corporation (CDC), Inc., a private non-profit organization.

In addition, he served on the Business Advisory Committee of The Leaguers, which conducted fundraising for the head start program. Lastly, he chaired the building committee which oversaw the construction of the 14 million dollar, 48000 square foot new head quarters of The Leaguers which was built in 2009.

He was preceded in death by his father, the late William Joseph Rouse and a nephew, David William Winn, II.

Joseph leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Linda D. Rouse ; his son, Joseph, Jr., (aka Jay); his daughter-in-law, Lokia; two granddaughters, Jordan Skylar and Taylor Erin; his beloved mother, Frances D. Rouse; his sisters, Linda M. Rouse Norman and Beverly L. Rouse Winn (all of Newport News, VA); his brother, Dr. Leo E. Rouse, Sr. (Bowie, MD); sister-in-law, Yvonne M. Rouse; two brothers-in-law, David W. Winn and James A. Norman; one niece, Danielle L. Winn; one nephew, Leo E. Rouse, Jr. and his wife, Julie; two grandnieces, Knylah Kayvonne, and McKenzie Lynn (all of Rotterdam, NY). He is also survived by a host of other relatives, friends and his beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude.....Myron Smith, Organist
Processional.....Clergy and Family
Words of Grace & Greetings.....Rev. Leslie Houseworth-Fields
Hymn of Comfort“Amazing Grace”.....Congregation
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Theresa D. Hoover, Esq.
Scripture Readings.....Linda Rouse Norman
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14:1-3
Selection.....Tangy Major
Remarks..... Family & Friends
Reading of Acknowledgements.....Jean Lacey
Reading of Obituary.....Theresa Bell
Selection.....Tyrone Dunlap
Eulogy..... Rev. Dr. Lloyd P. Terrell
The Lord’s Prayer.....Congregation
Committal Service.....Rev. Leslie Houseworth-Fields
Dismissal with Blessing.....Rev. Leslie Houseworth-Fields
Closing Hymn..... “Soon And Very Soon”.....Congregation
Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Cremation (Private)
Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey

Repast

***Immediately following the service family and friends are
invited to a repast in the church fellowship hall.***

INVICTUS

William Ernest Henley, 1849 - 1903

**Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.**

**In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.**

**Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.**

**It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.**

Pall Bearers

Kevin Bates	Curtis Caldwell
Clarence Hoover	Walter Fry
Razhon Swan	Tyrone Dunlap
Ashley Turnbull	Anthony White

**In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Governor Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund.
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Acknowledgement

The family of **Joseph Charles Rouse, Sr.** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many acts and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and compassion.

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