

Brother Ashley Turnbull Initial Date: Spring 1980

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Great guy, What a voice and attitude. A little scary!!

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

A felt I lost a dear friend, I grew to know Joe and his Family during my over 40 years in this fraternity, Family guy and Friend and so caring.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

Blessed to see all of brothers and Church was filled to the brim and brothers still could not get in.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

A true brother, friend and a caring soul.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Mr. Attitude in a good way and always loved his family, fraternity and friends.

Brother Curtis Caldwell Initial Date: May 2, 1975

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

He was a kind brother with a great sense of humor. We were at a smoker when we first met. He was a bit intimidating but nice. After speaking with him I realized that he was a sincere brother that loved Omega.

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

I was completely devastated and deeply saddened. He was a close friend that meant a lot to me. He left us too soon but I realized that he no longer had to suffer.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

I thought the Omega service was nicely done. It was well attended by friends, Brothers of Omega and the Montclair community. It was a fitting going home service for a Brother that lived and served Omega as well as Joe did.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

I feel that Joe would like to be remembered as a Brother that tried to help others and to be on the right side of things. He was a Man among Men that lived his life to be of service to others. He truly wanted to make this world a better place.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

I will always remember Joe as Crazy Joe Rock Bottom. He loved life and showed it. Had worked hard, played hard and truly wanted to make a difference. He loved God, family, friends and Omega Psi Phi.

Brother Joseph English Initial Date: May 26, 1973

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

I knew he was born an OMEGA MAN just waiting to take the Oath

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

I CRIED

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

I was sick

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

Like a Founder

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

How I loved that brother FIETTS

Brother Charles A. Graham Initial Date: May 2, 1975

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Brother Joseph Rouse was my "Dean of Pledges" . He was a big man with a loud voice; but under that facade he was a caring, compassionate, loving, funny, and "GOD fearing" human being. He was well respected by all.

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

I was very sad. I felt that the our beloved Fraternity lost a good brother and atrue leader.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

I regrettably was unable to attend.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

As a person who helped others, loved his family, and tried to make a positive difference in this world.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

His big smile, loud voice, his stepping, and the loved he had for his fraternity Brothers.

Brother Dwayne Adams Initial Date: October 26, 1996

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

My first thoughts of Brother Rouse was "he's extremely passionate about Omega".

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

Hearing of Brother Rouse enter into Omega Chapter was extremely difficult to accept that reality. He's presence among the Brothers was gone. His guidance and leadership would be silenced forever. I wouldn't be able to have anymore conversations with him.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

Brother Rouse's Omega service was befitting of a True Omega Man! Although the gathering was for a somber occasion the number of Brothers in attendance displayed their immense love, admiration and respect for him.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

He didn't take any nonsense and he loved Omega.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

My lasting memories of Bro. Rouse will be of our conversations about being an Omega Man and the responsibilities that comes with that distinction.

Brother Ron Hollis Initial Date: April 14, 1978

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Straight up & professional brother...He was more interested in getting my head than busting my ass...Unlike most brothers...

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

Too soon!!

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

Well attended...beautiful ceremony

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

Well respected brother

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Decent & respectful

Brother JV Tuazon Initial Date: April 28, 2000

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Commanding but kind.

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

Sad to hear of his passing but proud to be part of the legacy he has left behind.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

As a Bridge Builder

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Brother Carlton Stewart III Initial Date: 1974

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

We became best friends immediately. He was a solid and down brother.

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

He was high energy and positive energy , Big Joe was the best at making the best of any situation. On the days I wasn't up to it, Big Joe would give a jolt of his positive energy and I was ready, I love Big Joe and miss him. My thoughts were my main partn

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

He was one that would help anyone in need, very thoughtful and caring. When he came to Texas for Brother Bibby's service I could see he had not changed a bit still loving and caring. He would like to be remembered as a warrior with a loving soul.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Big hearted caring brother !

Brother Joseph Myatt Initial Date: April 2, 1976

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Bro. Rouse was a warm jubilant, friendly person. He was a positive person that worn his feelings, joy for life and outlook on his sleeve. Always a pleasure to talk to and be around.

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

Sadden I rarely meet people if his character and this was a big loss

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

Positive and uplifting brother

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

His captivating laugh.

Brother Marlon Prince Initial Date: April 28th, 1985

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

I was a member of the Lampados Club when I met Joe. He was intimidating, to say the least. LOL

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

I was very hurt.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

I don't usually attend funerals, but I made sure I was there to pay my respects.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

I think he will best be remembered as a leader in this Fraternity of ours. Especially in the State of New Jersey.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

No matter how many mistakes I may have made while in a leadership position in this Fraternity, Joe always made me feel good about myself. I used to strive to be just like him. I still do.

Brother Jonathan Griffin Initial Date: 11/24/1996

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Big, Bold, Very Outspoken Man of Omega. Hands Down One of The Owttest KH Founders!!

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

My thoughts were to continue to represent Omega for Brother Rouse. He Loved Omega and KH, I want to allow Omega and KH to live on thru me for "RockBottom"

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

Bro Rouse would like to be remembered as the "Stand Up Man" that he always was, you never had to wonder were you stood with Bro. Rouse because he made it known!

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Super Owt!! I wish I had a chance to fellowship with him in the 70's.

Brother James Brewer Initial Date: April 1980

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

A man of respect

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

A man of respect has transitioned to his rest

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

Based on the amount of brothers who participated his work as an Omega man positively impacted people far and wide. He left a legacy worthy of emulation

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

A brother, a friend, a man of respect, an Omega man who exemplified the 4 cardinal principles

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Joe Rouse is the reason I wanted to be an Omega man since I was in high school. We grew up in the same city. He was my YMCA camp counselor, swim instructor and I was the water boy for his high school football team I was honored to be invited to his home w

Brother JC Thomas Jr. Initial Date: June 11, 1988

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

When I first met him I quickly realized that he was a true omega man and I wanted some of his wisdom and what he stood for to rub off on me as a young omega man

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

When heard he passed into Omega Chapter I felt our Chapter has lost a icon

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

Did not attend service was out of town

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

Bro Rouse will be remembered as a strong will and tough well respected Omega man!RQQ

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

The last time I saw him how he talked about our Chapter and how he loved KH and new he was very sick.RIP Bro Rouse I will never forget U!RQQ

Brother Doug Edwards Initial Date: April 2 1976

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Joe Rouse was universally loved at Seton Hall University

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

I was deeply saddened because Bro Rouse was highly respected as a man of character at Seton Hall University, Omega Psi Phi Chapters in New Jersey and by anyone who met him.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

N/A

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

Bro. Rouse was "kaptivating" Kappa Eta because he was always pleasant and positive, which compelled people to want to be in his presence. He loved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., but most especially the brothers of his beloved Kappa Eta Chapter at Seton H

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

I always enjoyed watching Bro. Rouse step because he could move really smoothly for a big brother. He appeared to move effortlessly across the floor.

Brother Kyle A. Rhoden Initial Date: June 11,1988

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

I thought that he was hilarious!

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

Deeply saddened though knew that he was in a better place! Loving family man and outstanding role model that would be extremely missed. A true GOOD bruh!

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend the service.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

I believe that he would like to be remembered for his sincerity and his TRUE OMEGA SPIRIT!

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Remembering the passion that he exuded when he talked about the bruhs. How big brother Joseph Rouse always wanted our chapter to thrive for greatness! His love for the FRAT!

Brother Dwayne Adams Initial Date: 10/26/1996

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

My first thoughts Bro. Rouse was he was a no nonsense person and very passionate about Omega.

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

The Fraternity lost a great man who personified the meaning of Servant Leader.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

The outpouring of love and respect for Bro. Rouse was an outstanding display for his family to witness.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

That he embodied Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift as the personification of his character.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

That he was a Leader among men and to be in his company was an honor.

Brother Cornell Fraites Initial Date: Spring 1988

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

He was a little tough but I respected that.

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

My condolences and thoughts were to his family, and brothers that I knew got a chance to spend more time with him.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

N/A

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

I remember him as a Man of Standard. I believe he was a man that dedicated himself to the people or organizations he took part in. A true example of a Omega Man a balance of Strength and Love.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Meeting him for the time while on line.

Brother Clyde Penn Jr. Initial Date: Spring 1997

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Bro. Rouse seemed bigger than life to me, but once you got to know him You found him to be grounded, humble and always willing to share.

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

Huge lost to Omega. I was once at a KH meeting and looked around the room to realize that the collection of men gathered from all walks of life in age and experience was all a testament to his work.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

Would reassure his family that even though his body is gone, his legacy will live on within every member of KH chapter.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

As and educator, friend, fierce opponent and a just man.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Our last conversation after an ETA PI meeting. He encouraged me to do more....not to hide my light...followed by a joke...I will miss him.

Brother Corey Henry Initial Date: May Spring 89

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Incredible personality, friendly and willing to give you the shirt off his back.

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

I was blown away, before Bro. Rouse was my Frat Brother, he was my neighbor, my 3rd big brother, my mentor. I was completely in shock at the time, but immediately worried about my fathers reaction and health at the time of Bro. Rouses death and how my fat

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

N/A

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

As a man who truly walked in the Spirit of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and of course the greatest football player to ever come out of Barringer High School

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Bro. Rouse of Omega Chapter was a friend who was essential to my soul, we stayed in contact all of the time either through the phone or through Social Media. He made such an impact in my life while I was growing up and went I went off to Seton Hall University.

Brother Michael McDaniel Initial Date: Spring 1988

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Well, the first time I met him, I thought that he was rather imposing!

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

I felt sad about it.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

Brother Rouse, Omega Chapter, would probably want to be remembered as someone who loved his fraternity and his family!

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

I remember a conversation in which Great Brother Leroy Wilson, Omega Chapter was also present. Brother Rouse, Omega Chapter, was discussing the merits or dismerits of physical versus non-physical training of Selection and Education participants. He share

Brother Richard A Alexander Initial Date: April 22,1972

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Good Man

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

Chapter lost a Good Brother

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

A Hard Working Brother usually dependable to Fraternity! Love to travel and meet new brothers
RQQ

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Always could count on "Crazy Joe Rock Bottom "(my name for him) Miss Him

Brother Thomas L. Clark Jr. Initial Date: 05-02-1975

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A man of high integrity, always smiling, ,loved life, funny, would always let you know what he thought

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Brother Terryl Pickens Initial Date: 1978

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

I first saw Brother Rouse when Kappa Eta Chapter came to Montclair State and stepped at a party given by the Black Students Union—15 strong and the stepping had unity of movement and precision with Brother Rouse as the taildog. I met Brother Rouse as I pl

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

I was profoundly saddened by his passing as he always exhibited the strong and positive attributes of Omega. He was a committed Brother to God, his wife and family, and to Omega.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

My thoughts were that I was proud to attend the Omega Service and his funeral. Also, I was able to renew contacts with Omega men from days gone by and fellowship with them.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

I think he would like to be remembered as a man of Integrity who was committed to the cause of the fraternity and the uplifting of the Brothers. He always departed saying "Friendship is Essential to the Soul".

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

My lasting memories are his visiting my home here in Texas (Brother Bibby's Omega Service) and his gift of an Omega Blazer to me (with Brother Curtis Caldwell). We did the Omega Service for Brother Bibby and fellowshipped with each other under the leaders

Brother Donald Rucker Initial Date: May 1975

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

I didn't know what I thought at the time but he was cool. As time went on it was clear that he was sincere and strongly believed in the things he loved and he loved his fraternity. Joe saw that being the first black fraternity on campus was more than a

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

Joe's passing came after a long period of hospitalization where he required supportive care. While the outcome was painful it was not our decision and he is endlessly healthy and happy now waiting for us to join him in our time.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

The funeral service Omega hymn was the most powerfully stirring I have ever heard and felt, it shook you, there waves of emotion that would feel rippling through the crowd. Love for Joe was truly on display.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

Joe will always be remembered as genuine and passionate, always a straight shooter and people could see the genuine honesty in the man.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

TACK LINE UP!

Brother Brother Tyrone "T-Bone" Johnson Initial Date: 1-75-TI (April 30, 1975)

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

A thoroughly immersed bridge builder. One of Omega's Finest with a beloved alter ego..."Crazy Joe Rock Bottom"

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

I was heartbroken; knew Joe had been dealing with health challenges for awhile...he was doing so well the last time I saw him at the Eta Pi Gala weekend in 2016.

Knew right away I would be traveling from Atlanta to Jersey to attend his memorial.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

The service itself and the brotherhood in attendance was befitting one of Omega's Finest.

Emotionally...the reality of why we were all there hit me hard and took me a minute to get myself together. Joe was an inner circle bruh...so many memories made and shared...so many friendships grown and sewn through Omega. I was really happy to have participated in his memorial and transition into Omega Chapter.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

As a God fearing, faith-filled family man, husband, father, friend and brother that lived and upheld our Cardinal Principals in everything he did...everyday. He led by example and didn't shy away from the tough and/or unpopular decisions that have to be made from time to time. Someone that pushed the envelop, played as hard as he worked...willing to fight (literally and figuratively) for what was right.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Joe and I shared some of the best years of our lives together. Balancing family and Frat...being each other's keeper...traveling to Districts & Conclaves, taking care of business as young delegates by day and hang'in with the bruhz by night. Sharing the ups & downs of living life...being there for each other whenever needed. Laughing & loving...talk'in sh8t...work'in hard for Omega on all three levels, undergrad, intermediate and graduate chapter. As I celebrate my 45th year in Omega this year ...I can't help but think how many of those early years I shared with Joe and the significant difference he made to me and my experience in making my love for Omega what it was, is and always will be....till the day I die!

Brother Thomas Hill Initial Date: April 19, 1973

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Great man. Great Omega

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

I lost a friend and Brother who fought for Omega and his life. I miss him still.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

Thank him for reinforcing my obligation to Omega, brotherhood and the community.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

Crazy Joe. A hard hand but a Soft heart

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

His help in positioning me for leadership and his example of the commitment required to lead. I owe him more than I can repay with these few words. RQQ and RIP in Omega Chapter

Brother Ronny L Williams Initial Date: 11/25/1975 Beta Psi Chapter

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

I had heard about him before I met him. I was looking for tickets to the boat ride in the summer of 1976. He was clearly the man as he commanded the room. We instantly bonded because we shared a common love for the frat. He was well known and respected by everyone.

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

I was extremely saddened. After I graduated college and returned home, Joe was a fellow chapter member of Iota Eta and instrumental in helping to resurrect the chapter in 1979. He was our Basileus when I served as Keeper of Finance.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

Was unable to attend

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

As someone who loved his family and fraternity and community. He would also want to be known as someone who touched lives. He was an excellent example of an Omega Man.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

When I interviewed with my current company I called Joe and advised him that I was considering declining the job. Joe told me that declining was a bad idea and that it would be an excellent opportunity. It was sound advice and a good career choice. That w

Brother Bro. Brian Johnson Initial Date: Gamma Chapter. 4/12/80

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I was not able to attend.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

I think he'd like to be remembered as a loving, responsible husband and father, a reliable friend, and a consummate, thoroughly immersed Omega man.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

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Brother Bro Stephen J Barnes Initial Date: October 10,1970 (*50 years)

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

Joe pledged on the 1974 line "15 Ways of Death." He a pillar of strength on his line. My first impression was that he would be a future leader in our fraternity.

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

I was deeply sadden. The last time I saw Joe he was in the hospital just a few months before he passed away. At that time he was still in a coma then. I always prayed he would come out it so he could begin physical therapy and reunite with his family.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

The Botherhood showed up in huge numbers. His funeral was more like a head of state and well deserved. We gave him beautiful send off to Omega Chapter.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

Brother Rouse will always be remember for his honesty, leadership, his industry, his friendship and hard-work as a true Omega man. He was a devoted family.

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

The last time memory was when Derrick Roberts and me drove down with Joe to the Corridor Picnic in Edison New Jersey a few ago. We have a really good time with the brothers that day.

Brother Leslie "Swann" Hinton Initial Date: 4/7/79

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse the first time I meet him:

I was honored to have the founders of the chapter come to meet us and pledge us. They were so serious about their experience attending Seton Hall University and the commitment we would have in order to be members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Kappa Eta Chapter. They taught us to be involved in the politics of the fraternity as well as the fraternity. These brothers were so strong and Crazy Joe Rock Bottom was a leader amongst them. I also identified with him a lot because most of the members of the chapter at that time were from south Jersey and he was from north Jersey as myself. The three cities that rocked at that time were Newark, **Jersey City** and Paterson.

My thoughts of Brother Joseph Rouse when I heard he had passed into Omega Chapter:

Brother Ashley and I had visited Brother Rouse in the hospital, and it was difficult seeing him in the condition he was in. He was struggling but still tried to communicate and Lord knows he wanted to live. He had many health challenges over the years and also met them with courage and grace. Anybody who knew

Brother Rouse knew he was an inspiration to many during those challenges. He attended to many activities and never complained, and you would always see him smiling and laughing. I was saddened but believe that we will see him again.

My thoughts of the Omega Service for Bro. Joseph Rouse:

The church was packed to capacity and many were unable to be in the church for the service due to its size. There were brothers present from the past and the present all around. Whether you were inside the church or outside the church, you felt the love and the fellowship that this man had commanded even in death. The repast was a celebration of Brother Rouse as we had fellowship and talked about our experiences with Brother Rouse.

How would Brother Joseph Rouse would like to be remembered?

Passionate, fun-loving, caring, brother who was a true friend!!!!

My lasting memories of Brother Joseph Rouse:

Laughing, smiling and always giving hope and encouragement in whatever, you face.

Bro. Clayton A. Graham

My thoughts and memories of Bro. Joseph C. Rouse, by Bro. Clayton A. Graham, August 29, 2020.

Bro. Rouse was my Line Brother on the infamous Line, "the 15 Ways of Death".

The Line also featured Seton Hall Brothers: Bro. Reggie Murray, Bro. Carlton Stewart, and myself. Bro. Rouse was the Rock of our Line. We were initiated on May 1, 1974 into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Upsilon Phi Chapter, Newark, NJ.

Bro. Rouse, Bro. Richard A. Treadwell, Bro. Clayton A. Graham, Bro. Charles A. Graham, Bro. Thomas L. Clark, Bro. Curtis L. Caldwell, Bro. Reginald Murray, Bro. Carlton Stewart, Bro. Donald Rucker, Bro. William Malone, Bro. James Deas, and Bro. George Garrison were the Founding Brothers of Kappa Eta Chapter, Seton Hall University.

Bro. Rouse served as Kappa Eta Chapter's 1st Keeper of Records and Seal (KRS) and maintained that office until graduation. Bro. Rouse was very meticulous and thorough in his duties as KRS. Based on his skilled record keeping the Chapter was always in compliance with District and National requirements. Further, Bro. Rouse served as Second District Undergraduate Representative. When I served as Second Basileus, Kappa Eta Chapter, I could always count on and depend on the support and counsel of Bro. Rouse. To me, Bro. Rouse was the embodiment of our four cardinal principals: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

After graduation, Bro. Rouse continued his service as a member Eta Pi Chapter serving as Basileus and Corridor IV Deputy Representative.

Additionally, Bro. Rouse served his family, fraternity, church, community, and all occupational endeavors with devotion and distinction.

I think about Bro. Rouse often. I am pleased to have known him and to have called him a true friend and Brother. A life well-lived! Friendship is Essential to the Soul!