

Pallbearers

Nephews

Flower Attendants

Nieces

"Five Minutes"

From the Grandchildren

If we only had five minutes the day you passed away, we would have had time to tell you all the things we needed to say. We never got to tell you how much you meant to our family, or that you were the best dad, best papa, best brother, or friend, better than any man could be. The last time that we talked to you we wish we've known, we would've said we love you, and kept you on the phone. If we only had five minutes the morning you passed away, we would give you one last hug so tight and see your great big smile. We would tell you that we don't think we could live without you, not even for a while. We would kiss your cheek and take your hand, and tell you it's okay to go and tell you that we would miss you, more than you'll ever know. But you were gone so quickly, one last breathe you would take before you even knew it, you were standing at heaven's gate. Now God has called upon you, it's time to get your wings to leave this life behind you, and enjoy all of heavens beautiful things. So wait for us in heaven, don't let us come alone. The day the angels come for us, please be there to bring us home.

Annmarie Campbell

Acknowledgements

There are just no words to thank you for your loving kindness and the expressions of sympathy you have shown us during the passing of our beloved **Edward Charles Brackett Sr.** Special thanks to Mayo Clinic, all the doctors, nurses, and medical staff who cared for him.

~ The Family

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***A
Celebration
of Life***



Edward Charles Brackett, Sr.

March 28, 1950 — August 6, 2016

Service

11:00 AM, Friday, August 12, 2016

Northside Church of Christ

4736 Avenue B

Jacksonville, Florida 32209

Charlie McClendon, Senior Minister

Al Jackson, Minister

Obituary

Edward Charles Brackett Sr. was born on March 28, 1950 in Plateau, Alabama to the late Timmie Brackett and Alfreda Brackett. He later moved to Jacksonville, Florida in 1956 and attended the local schools, graduating from Matthew W. Gilbert Class of 1968. Edward represented himself as a responsible young man at an early age by working multiple jobs to help support his family.

In 1971 Edward worked alongside other perspective firefighters and community leaders to bring about changes to the JFRD and their hiring practices, in a court case that led to a consent decree in 1982 where a judge required the city to hire one African American candidate for every White candidate hired, until racial makeup of the department reflected the city of Jacksonville.

In 1972 he became one of the first African American firefighters in Jacksonville, Florida. He continued to serve his community for 27 years, along the way he was an instrumental part in creating the Jacksonville Brotherhood of firefighters which was designed to give back to the community. While on his journey as a public servant he mentored many young firefighters, as he continued being promoted up the ranks to Captain in the Fire Prevention. Edward was a “counselor on life” for many family members and friends.

Edward was called home on Saturday, August 6, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents, Timmie Brackett and Alfreda Brackett; two brothers, Timmie Brackett Jr. and Keith Brackett.

Edward leaves to cherish his memories a loving wife, Annette Brackett; sons, Edward C. Brackett Jr. (Corzetta), Terrance Brackett, and Reginald Brackett; daughters, Regina Wilbert (Antionio) Quanna Wesley and Joanna Wesley; brother, Alfred Brackett (Danita); sisters, Evelyn Williams, Joyce Brackett, Aldine Brown, and Teresa Silcott (Anthony); goddaughter, Shande Perry; grandchildren, Brielle, Elijah, Te’Airah, Ja’Kayla, Morgan, Jamal, Te’Keyrah, Jh’Mari, Tiffany, and Sunjaia; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends including devoted and close friends, Wilbert Robinson and Luther Baker.

Order of Service

Bro. Stanley Shootes, Song Leader

Processional “Going Up Yonder”

Invocation Bro. Al Jackson

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament Bro. Gary Timmons

New Testament Bro. Walter General

Resolution &

Acknowledgements Ms. Staci Ross

Solo Sis. Rhynett Chatman

Reflections (2 Minutes Please)

Brotherhood of Firefighters Mr. Alonzo Bronner

J.F.R.D. Honor Guard Presentation

Matthew W. Gilbert Class of 1968

As A Father The Children

Selection “I Love To Praise Him”

Words of Comfort Bro. Charlie McClendon

Recessional “Mansion, Robe, and a Crown”

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

4535 Main Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Repast

Northside Church of Christ Life Center