

Eugene Cassius Stark Jr.

October 16, 1946 - October 31, 2024

CROSSING JORDAN RIVER....

Brother Eugene Cassius Stark, Jr. took his first breath on October 16, 1946, in the small community of Hester, Louisiana, to Eugene and Emma Richardson Stark. He was the sixth son born into this growing family.

Eugene was raised on Welham Plantation in St. James Parish by parents who loved and feared God. They instilled in him the importance of having a relationship with God, and from an early age, he accepted Christ and committed to serving Him. He often reminisced about his baptism in the Mississippi River by Reverend Samuel Jones in 1961. Eugene cherished the fellowship of the saints at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Paulina, Louisiana, until he left for military service. He frequently sang Zion songs with his family on various occasions, and the spirit he took with him guided him through many trials and temptations.

Eugene was united in Holy Matrimony to Bunnie Powell in December 1970. The Lord blessed them with one daughter, KasSaundra, who stole their hearts and became their only heartbeat.

Eugene attended school in Paulina, Louisiana, until the family moved to Lutchter, Louisiana, where he continued his education and graduated from Lutchter High School in 1965. After graduation, he attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He halted his college years and joined the United States Air Force in 1968, where he was stationed on several overseas bases. His most noted base was in Vietnam, where he worked in the hospital. After returning to the United States, he was stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, Texas. Upon completing two tours in the Air Force, Eugene received an Honorable Discharge. He later joined the Army Reserves, where he served for nineteen years, retiring in June 1996. He planted his family in Austin, Texas.

Eugene then began working with what is now Capital Metro as a route driver. He later became a supervisor and later Safety Director. He was very instrumental in setting up the Special Transit system. It was during his time with Capital Metro that the love of over the road driving became a passion. After retiring from Capital Metro, Eugene joined the Kerrville Bus Company in San Antonio as a driver. Kerrville was later incorporated with Coach USA, and Eugene remained a driver. His greatest joy was being a Charter Driver. It was during this time that he met and formed a deep friendship with the chartered parties. On some charters, Reverend Bunnie could accompany him, and they enjoyed the trip, marking it as their *special time together*. Brother Eugene remained with Coach USA until his retirement.

Eugene joined his wife in her pastoral ministry, and they served for twenty - seven years. He was very active in the churches where they were assigned to. He sang in the choir, served as Trustee Pro-Tem, freely gave of his time and talent to ensure the church grounds and property were kept, and fully supported his wife in every area of ministry. His greatest joy was becoming a Kingsman in the Women's Missionary Society during the Episcopal Leadership of Supervisor Stan McKenzie. Brother Eugene was called on to be the driver for Bishop Vashti McKenzie and Supervisor Stan when they held meetings in Austin, and he took great pride in being asked.

Eugene was a helper and counted it not robbery to help whenever and wherever he could. His culinary skills were shared with the congregations where they served and in the community. During the Pandemic, Brother Eugene and Reverend Bunnie were instrumental in distributing over 5,000 lbs. of food in the Taylor and Austin areas. He served with the Nehemiah Ministry in the Austin Capital District as they repaired church properties in the Austin Capital District. Eugene was never idle; he was always busy building or designing a new project. It was not uncommon to come home and find a new shelf, window, door, and even a new room.

This God-fearing man had a contagious smile that would fill the room; his love for his family and his community would linger forever.

Eugene smiled the last time on Thursday, October 31, 2024, when his earthly life and journey were finished. Jesus helped him to cross that river. He is preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Emma Richardson Stark, brothers McKinley Smith, Edward Smith, Wilbert Smith, and Joseph Richardson, and sister, Doretha Williams.

Eugene's priceless journey will be celebrated by his wife of fifty-four years, Reverend Bunnie Stark; his daughter, KasSaundra Stark-Ringer and her husband, Lloyd; his brother Allen Stark of Lutchter, Louisiana; his sister, Jessie Mae Jacques of Brooklyn, New York; numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends including the Grant Worship Center family.

Good and Faithful Servant
Brother Eugene C. Stark, Jr.
2024 Heavenly Bound # 1031
God's Town, Heaven 781016 - 1946

HOME-GOING CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 9, 2024

3:00 PM

Grant AME Worship Center

1701 Kramer Lane
Austin, Texas 78758

Reverend Dr. Sylvester Delany Patton, III, Pastor

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Melodic Reminiscence

Sister Mattie Robinson

Processional

Clergy, Bearers, Family & Friends

Sealing the Casket

Eugene's Wife and Family

Favorite Song ~ "We Have Come A Long Way"

Hymn of Celebration

"Blessed It Assurance"

Intercessory Supplication

Reverend Joni Russ, Pastor
Sherman Chapel AME Church
San Antonio, Texas

The Scripture Reading

Old Testament

Reverend Gregory Crayton
Grant Worship Center
Austin, Texas

New Testament

Reverend Agnes J. Habbit, Pastor
St. Annie AME Church
Austin

Selection

Sister Joy Moore

Church Tribute (Resolution)

Grant AME Worship Center

Expressions:

Special Remarks

Brother Eugene as a Neighbor

Brother Eugene as a Friend

Pastor Patton

Brother Eddie Banks

Brother Aubrey Bowser

Special Rendition

First Gentleman Eugene Stark

The Eulogy

Presiding Elder Reverend Pamela R. Rivera
Austin Capital District

Remarks

Joshua Hausladen
Funeral Director

Selection

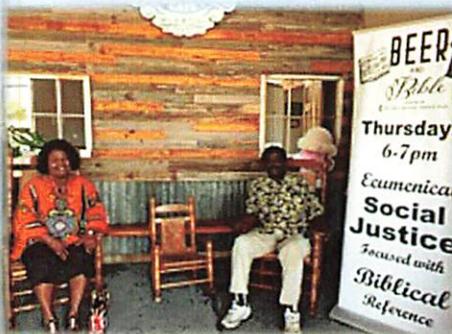
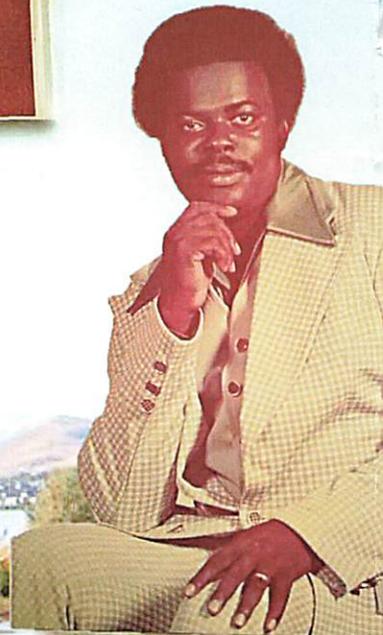
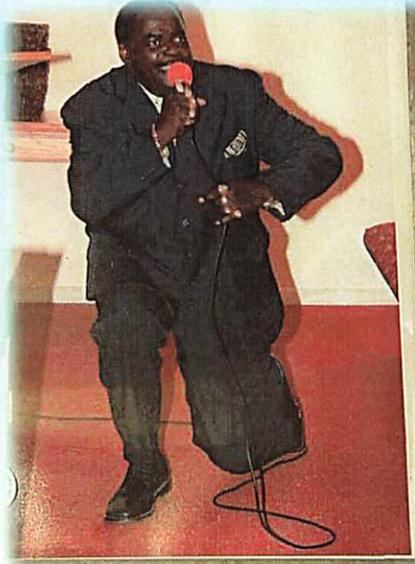
Sister Joy Moore

Closing Prayer

Reverend Alam Phillips
Historic Allen AME Church
Bellville, Texas

Recessional

Clergy, Bearers, Family & Friends





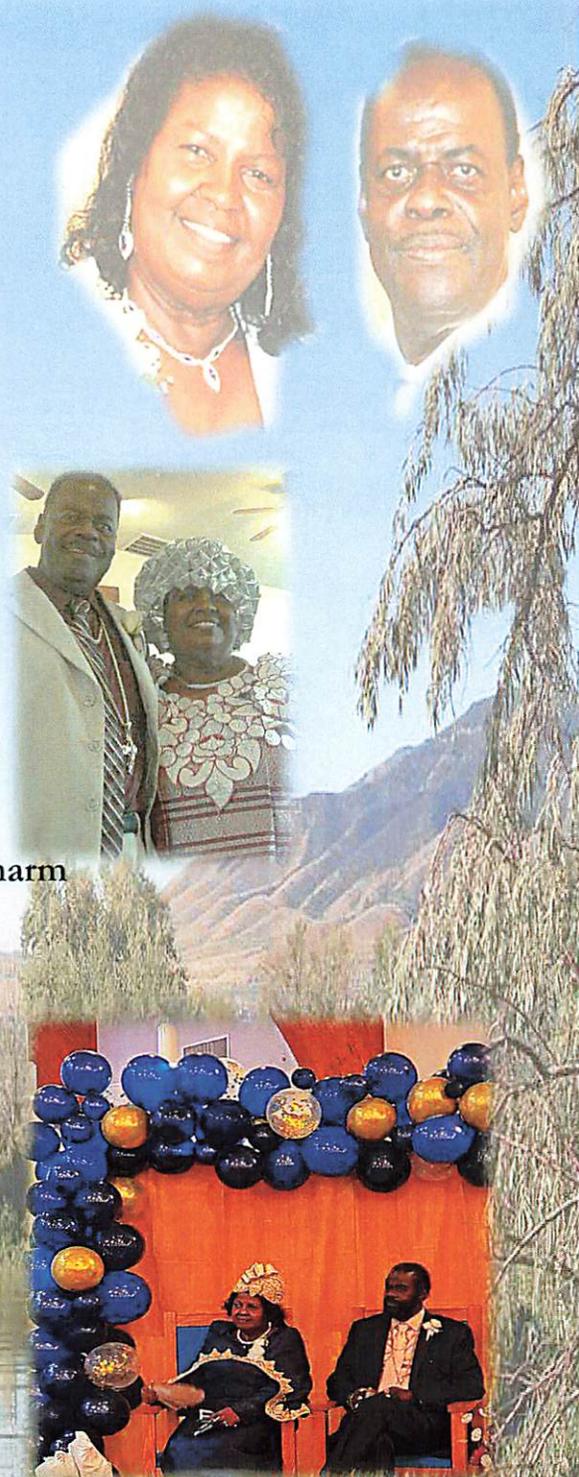
My Darling Husband, Eugene

No words I write could ever say
How sad and empty I feel today
The Angels came for you
Much sooner than we thought
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes
And I'll try my best to understand.
Eugene, my love, why did you have to go away
Why wasn't it right for you to stay?
In my heart, you will always be
I love you dearly, and I know you'll watch over us
What I am suffering seems so unfair
But one thing is for certain
My love for you will always be there
Eugene, my husband, you always will be
The most important part of my heart's memory
I will cherish the moments you held me in your arms
And I am sure that if you had stayed longer
You would have graced me more with your unlimited charm
A thousand words won't bring you back
I know because I have tried
Neither will a thousand tears
I know because I have cried
Now you're up in Heaven
With the Angels up above
They will take my place for now
And they'll give you all their love
So go and rest in peace now
My Darling,
For all our love and memories
I will hold forever near...

We Have Come A Long Way...



Bunnie



MY DADDY'S HANDS...

I remember Daddy's hands folded silently in prayer
And reaching to hold Mama and me one by one, then all together.

When one of us had a nightmare, he could tell quite a story.
In the calluses and lines, years of work and worry had left their mark behind.

I remember Daddy's hands, how they held my Mama tight,
And patted me on my back for something I did right.

There are things I've forgotten
What I loved about that man,
But I'll always remember the love in my Daddy's hands.

Daddy's hands were soft and kind
When I was crying, Daddy's hands were always gentle, but I've come to understand...

There was always love in Daddy's hands.
I remember Daddy's hands working hard,
Sacrificed unselfishly just for Mama and me.

If I could do things over, I'd live our life again and never take for granted
The Love In My Daddy's Hands... and how he shared it with my Husband

With All Our Love,
KasSaundra and Lloyd



SERVING WITH GRACE AND HONOR AS CASKET BEARERS



The Kingsmen of
The Austin Capital District
and
Southwest Texas Conference

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We are grateful for the richness of his life, the kindness of his heart, and the love of his friends. The Stark and Powell Families thank everyone for their unwavering kindness. We thank you for your love, friendship, visits, phone calls, lovely cards, flowers, other gifts, and the continual words of comfort you have shared with us.

Special Thanks to the staff at Ascension Seton Medical Center, Central Texas Rehabilitation Center Staff, and Hospice Austin Team for Eugene C. Stark, Jr.

We especially acknowledge Pastor Patton, the members of Grant Worship Center, the staff of Elgin Funeral Home, and his family and friends, who have come to share in our final goodbye.

We thank you for respecting our privacy, and May God Bless each of you...

Mrs. Eugene Stark aka Reverend Bunnie Stark

HE SHALL BE LAID TO REST

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Central State Texas Veteran Cemetery

11463 TX-195

Killeen, Texas 76542



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