

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF



Solomon
WADE, JR.

SUNRISE
4·3·1947 ♣ **4·20·2020** SUNSET

Funeral Service

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020 | 11:00AM

The Ferguson-Rayam Funeral Home

80 Midland Ave, Wallington, NJ 07057

Assistant Pastor Emmanuel D. Rayam, Presiding

Order of Service

Prayer

Holy Scripture Reading

Old Testament
New Testament

Selection

**Acknowledgements
& Obituary**

Selections

Euglogy

Assistant Pastor Emmanuel D. Rayam

Recessional

Interment

*Washington Crossing
National Cemetery
Newtown, PA*



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O B I T U A R Y

Solomon Wade Jr. departed this earthly life to be with the Lord on April 20, 2020 at the Jersey City Medical Center. He was 73 years old.

Born April 3, 1947 in Jersey City, NJ. “Junior,” as his siblings referred to him, was a visionary community leader and entrepreneur and one of five children born to the late Solomon Sr. and Geneva Wade – Louise Wade, John Alexander Wade, and Daisy Wise. His sister, Edith Lorraine Wade Powell preceded him in death.

Solomon Wade Jr. courageously served his country. He joined the United States Marine Corps in December 1965 and served in the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in October 1969.

He married his one true love and soul mate Essie Mae Wade. She affectionately called him “honey.” For forty-four years they truly exemplified the mystery of two people becoming one body through holy matrimony. Solomon and Essie Mae were blessed to raise six children – Maureen Wade Flowers, Eric Wade (Mona), Brian Wade, Solonia Wade and Lawrence Harris (Diana). His son, Solomon Wade III, preceded him in death.

Solomon was a product of the Jersey City Public School system graduating from James J. Ferris High School. Christ was the foundation of his life. In addition to living as a Christian, the value of an education, hard work, providing for his family, being a consummate father and self-improvement were also principles that he lived by. Solomon excelled at everything he put his mind and hands to do! He was truly the embodiment of success. He will always be remembered for preparing those he loved through tough love to be successful in their earthly and spiritual endeavors.

He was a true renaissance man who was always appropriately dressed for success. The successful business owner and community advocate was known for dressing to the “nines” or in his construction overalls when he was ready to design and create.

Solomon Wade built and owned S.E.M.S.E.B.S. Laundromats. The businesses were named in honor of his family members, Solomon, Essie, Maureen, Solomon, Eric, Brian and Solonia. The community-based establishment was named “Place Essa” after his wife, Essie.

As a “Tin-Knocker” and a lifelong member of Local 28, Solomon took on the vision of building up Jersey City communities by establishing businesses and creating job opportunities. He invested in businesses that catered to the needs of the people of Jersey City. His first business was called “His & Hers Laundromat” in Passaic, NJ.

Solomon and Essie were acknowledged in the Jersey Journal Newspaper as the newest owners of the entertainment spot called “Place Essa.” In 1997, Solomon started his construction company called “SEMSEBS Construction”. With “SEMSEBS Construction” and his sheet metal experience, Solomon launched into building and constructing his businesses from the ground up. Solomon also invested in the Subway franchise offering a fast food eatery and employment for people in the community.

Solomon Wade Jr., a respected and well-known community leader, property owner and advocate for the African American residents of Jersey City, ventured in the political arena by running for the position of Councilman of Ward F in Jersey City. Despite his loss, the pathway was cleared for Solomon to be a champion for the local union members and Jersey City residents.

In addition to his entrepreneurial and civic pursuits, Solomon and Essie cruised the Seven Seas together enjoying each other’s company. Solomon Wade Jr. made an impact in the world. His wisdom, knowledge, achievements and legacy will never be forgotten. His smile, sense of humor, stylish dress and dominant presence will be forever remembered.

It doesn’t matter what you do in life as long as you made something better after you’ve touched it. Solomon’s life journey exemplified someone who effectuated change for the betterment of his family, friends, and his community. God called Solomon Wade Jr. home but left us with wonderful memories to cherish forever!

In addition to his wife of 44 years, children and siblings, Solomon leaves behind to cherish his memory his grandchildren, Lamont, Darrell, David, Sabia, Jurnee, Darlaquaya, Kimora, Kasey, Eric, Diamond, Brian Jr., Khalil, Darius, Messyla, Joshua, Noah, Josiah and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Thank you to our church family, relatives and friends. Thank you for being that shoulder we could lean on. Love and prayers... God’s blessings to all! Louise Wade



I'm Free

*I couldn't stay another day, don't
grieve for me.*

GOD SET ME FREE!

*I'm following the path God laid for
me. I took His hand when I heard Him
call, I turn my back and left it all.*

*I couldn't stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way, I
found my place in God I lay.*

My life's been good, I savored much.

Good Times, Good Friends,

A love one's touch.

Lift your hearts and share with me.

God wanted me now. He set me free.

Acknowledgements

*From the bottom of our hearts, we the family of Solomon Wade, Jr. would like to thank you for all of
the phone calls, visits and prayers during this difficult time of bereavement. -The Family*



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