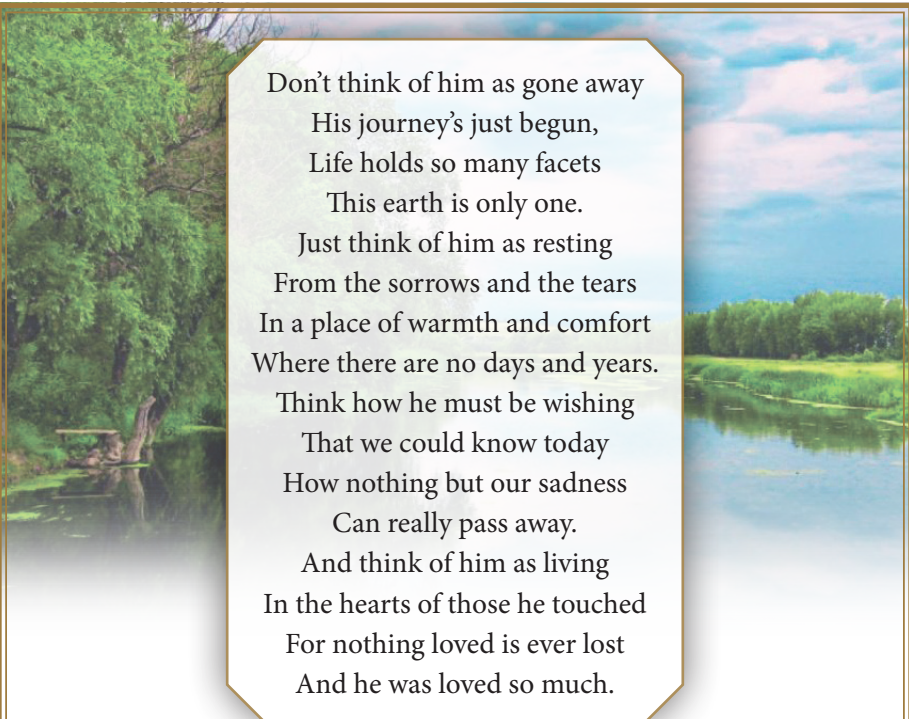




Don't think of him as gone away
His journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.
Think how he must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.
And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And he was loved so much.



Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

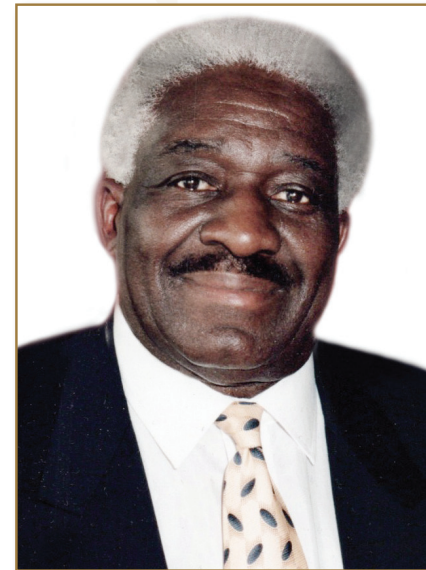
The family of the late Freddie Nathaniel Oates acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, your understanding, prayers, and all acts of kindness shown during this difficult time of bereavement.

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*In Loving Memory
of
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FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022
11:00 AM

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
124 ATKINS AVE
ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY

Officiating: Pastor Derinzer Johnson
ST STEPHEN AME ZION CHURCH

Order of Service



Officiator.....	Pastor Derinzer Johnson St Stephen AME Zion Church
Co-Officiator.....	Rev. Dr. Semaj Y. Vanzant, Sr. Second Baptist Church
Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Opening Hymn.....	Hold to God's Unchanging Hand
Prayer of Comfort	Clergy
Scripture Readings	Rev. Dr. Semj Y. Vanzant, Sr. Old Testament: Psalm 121 New Testament: John 14:1-7
Musical Selection	Rev. Diane Tam
Reflections	(2 minutes please)
Acknowledgments, Cards & Resolutions.....	(3 minutes) Family Member
Silent Reading of The Obituary	Soft Music
Musical Selection	Pastor Derinzer Johnson
Eulogy	Pastor Derinzer Johnson
Recessional/Musical Selection	Family/Choir

Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Repast

Second Baptist Church
124 Atkins Avenue
Asbury Park, New Jersey

Obituary



Freddie Nathaniel Oates, Sr., 93, of Neptune City, NJ passed away on Friday, March 18, 2022 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, NJ. Freddie was born on October 5, 1928 in Alachua, FL. to the late Willie Oates and Pastola Smith.

He attended grade school through high school at Alachua County Training School, Alachua, FL. Upon high school graduation in May 1946, Freddie attended Florida A&M University located in Tallahassee, FL. While at Florida A&M, he was drafted into the US Army in 1951. After serving his Country for two years, he was honorably discharged in 1953.

Freddie (Fred) fathered two children, one in 1946, a son, Lewis, and in 1948, a daughter, Amie. In 1954 he married Audrey Smith (Asbury Park, NJ) in Neptune, NJ. To this union five sons were born.

Freddie was an Entrepreneur in Facilities Maintenance business. He was employed by Neptune Township Board of Education as a Building Engineer where he spent a good portion of his employment years until his retirement at Green Grove Elementary School.

He was a long-time member of St. Stephen AME Zion Church, Asbury Park, NJ and served with the Men's Usher Board. Freddie held other church leadership positions and was a faithful member in his church. He was an active participant with the Boy Scouts of American in Neptune Township local Troop. He participated with local troop 95 for many years. Freddie became a member of the Grand Masonic, Mt Pisgah Lodge #48 FAM PHA. In 2005, the City of Asbury Park, NJ issued Freddie a Proclamation for his exemplary and dedicated service within the community. He was a strong advocate of education and sports with golf being his personal pastime favorite, but never finding enough time for himself. Freddie worked and lived in Neptune, NJ from 1954 until his death.

Freddie was predeceased by his wife, Audrey Smith Oates, mother, Pastola Smith, son, Lewis Oates, brother, Reginald K. Smith, sister, Priscilla Hickmon, and niece, Valerie Caldwell.

He is survived by his daughter, Amie Williams of Atlanta, GA and five sons, Fred N. Oates, Jr of Neptune NJ, Derek B. Oates of Glenn Burnie, MD, Edwin C. Oates of Glenn Burnie, MD, Charles I. Oates (Shellie) of Neptune, NJ, and Duane W. Oates (Gail) of Greenbelt, MD, two brothers, Willie Peterson (Jackie) and Jamil AlRazi, sister, Cassandra Roberts, and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and close friends.