



THE MASTER CALLED

I'm sorry I had to leave you;
 My loved ones, oh so dear.
 But you see the Master called me
 His voice was very clear!
 I had made my reservation
 A heaven bound ticket for one,
 And I knew that He would call me
 When He felt my work was done.
 I know that your hearts are heavy
 Because I have gone away,
 But when the Master called me,
 I knew that I could not stay.
 Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
 My loved ones, oh so dear.
 But you see the Master called me
 And, now I'm resting here.
 Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
 And to you all I say
 Just stay in the hands of Jesus
 And we'll meet again someday.

Anonymous

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Pall Bearers

Nephews



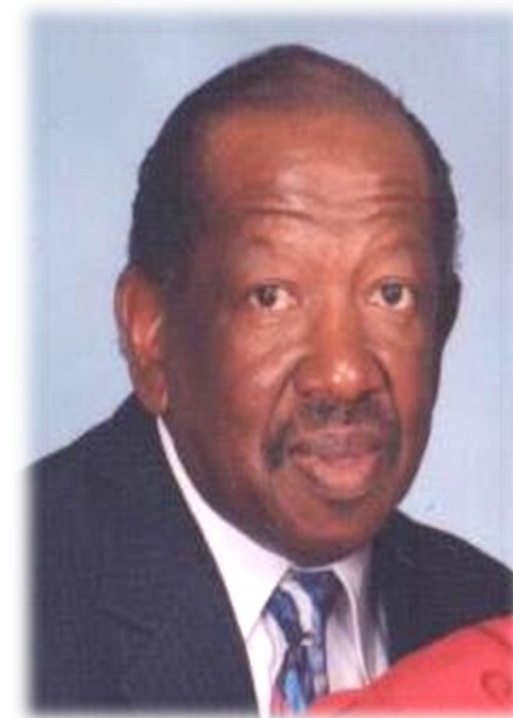
Acknowledgements

We, the family of Mr. David L. Eldridge, Sr. are grateful for all the expressions of sympathy, deeds of kindness, and acts of condolence, which have been extended to us during our time of sorrow. We are also grateful for the many visits and acts of friendship shown to him during his time here on earth. We, hereby, extend our sincere and abiding appreciation to everyone who remembered us or befriended and enriched his life in any way. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hailstalk, Ms. Alice Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Foster, and Ms. Karen Wharton, special friend and caregiver.



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Celebrating the Life of Mr. David L. Eldridge, Sr.



Sunrise

February 9, 1936

Sunset

April 4, 2019

Friday, April 12, 2019

1:00 P.M.

Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church
 2120 Bethania Rural Hall Road
 Winston-Salem, North Carolina
 Reverend Johnny Ruff, Eulogist

Obituary

“For if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord.
So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” Romans 14:8

David Lee Eldridge, Sr. answered the call and exchanged his earthly home for his heavenly home on Wednesday, April 4, 2019 at Forsyth Medical Center. He was born on February 9, 1936 to the late Luther and Ada Bell Eldridge. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Doris Virginia Eldridge and siblings: Charlie Eldridge, Odessa King, Julia May Frances Stanley, Luther Z. Eldridge, Irene Eldridge, Mamie Eldridge, Terry Eldridge, Nellie Eldridge and Tom Eldridge.

David attended Carver High School. He worked for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company for 30 years. He acted as groundskeeper for his church, Bethania AME Zion Church where he was a faithful member and served on the Senior Usher Board. He was a member of Red Rock Lodge #809.

He took pride in his natural ability for lawn care and founded Eldridge Lawn Care. He served many in the Bethania community proudly and taught his children and grandchildren the proper way to care for the properties. His legacy continues today.

Left to cherish their memories of him are his six children: Veronica (George) Trotter, David L. Eldridge, Jr., Doris Marie (Rico) Santos, Darryl Eldridge, Denise Eldridge (Wiseman Dobson, Jr.) and Melinda Eldridge. Granddaddy was loved by his twelve grandchildren: Tamara Evans, Runda (Troy) Sneed, Kemecia Robinson, David L. (Candise) Eldridge, III, Corey Eldridge, Davida (Richard, II) Yancy, Jessica Eldridge, Michael Eldridge, Najee Trotter, Darcele Eldridge, Siani Santos and Cessa Santos. He was a hero to twenty-three great grandchildren: Paula, Samara, Alise, Troy, II, Keri, London, Lyric, Dakari, Destiny, Demyha, David, IV, Davion, Daiare, Daviel, Daviah, Daviance, Davis, Davannah, Richard, III, Savanna, A’Love, Najee, Jr. and Najee, III; two special sisters-in-law: Hannah Eldridge and Elizabeth Speas. He cherished his nieces and nephews: Charles Eldridge, Jr., Reginald Eldridge, Donald Eldridge, Marcus (Denise) Eldridge, Beverly Eldridge, Marcellete Eldridge, Edward Lee Eldridge, Raymond Eldridge, Aaron Eldridge, Shelvy Gaither, Edward Valentine, Sr., Marilyn Singletary, Valeria, Ophelia, Felicia, Lester B. Speas, III, and Harry Scott.



Order of Service



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| Processional | Clergy and Family |
| Invocation | Reverend Allen Stimpson |
| Selection | “Farther Along” |
| Scripture Reading | |
| Old Testament | |
| New Testament | |
| Prayer of Comfort | Reverend Dairl Scott |
| Selection | Ms. Laverne Montgomery |
| Resolutions | |
| Masonic | |
| Church | Ms. Natalie Summers |
| Community | Ms. Delores Hailstalk |
| Tributes | |
| “Uncle David” | |
| “Granddaddy” | |
| “Daddy” | |
| Selection | Choir |
| Eulogy | Reverend Johnny Ruff |
| Recessional | |
| Benediction | |
| Interment | Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery Winston-Salem, NC |