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## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room, why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long, and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared, miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do, miss me-but let me go.*

### *Pallbearers*

*Joseph Ayers • Norman Spencer Jr. • Sydney Spencer • John Spencer*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of Dea. James Edwards wishes to acknowledge all the family and friends who prayed, visited, called and expressed kindness during this time. We would love to be able to personally thank everyone but know that your acts of love and kindness have not gone unnoticed and we truly appreciate all that you have done, are doing and will do. May God richly bless you with His Love and Grace. A special thank you to "Sylvia's Relief Crew" who assisted her with caring for Jim during his extended illness. Thank you, Sheila Walters, Charles (Chucky) Johnson, and Angie Wallace, your service and kindness are greatly appreciated.*

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## *In Loving Memory of*



## *Deacon James Agustia Edwards*

*Sunrise*  
*November 23, 1933*

*Sunset*  
*August 23, 2019*

### *Service*

*Saturday, August 31, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.*

### **SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH**

378 East Milton Avenue • Rahway, New Jersey 07065  
*Reverend Dr. James W. Ealey, Pastor, Officiating*  
*Mack Williams, Organist*

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## *Obituary*

**Deacon James Agustia Edwards** was born in Baltimore MD, on Nov 23, 1933 at the John Hopkins Hospital, he was the only child of Mary Spencer Wall. He was adopted by George and Susie Edwards of Dundalk MD who raised him from childhood.

**James** accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, was baptized at an early age, and like Jesus, he “increase in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man”. James lived a blessed life because he honored his relationship with the Lord.

**James** received his elementary and secondary education in the Baltimore County School system where he graduated Bragg High School, Dundalk MD in 1953. James continued to Maryland State College graduating in 1957 with a BS Degree in Biology and Chemistry. After graduating from college, James enlisted in the US Army where he served from 1957 to 1962. While serving at the Kansas City Induction station as a lab technician, James met Sylvia J. Shobe.

**James** and Sylvia were married on Nov 23, 1962 in Newark NJ. At that time, James became the Father of three boys, which Sylvia had from a previous marriage; Franklin D. Shobe Jr, Brian K. Shobe and Lowell K. Shobe. To this union a daughter was born in 1963, Jeannine Elise Edwards, thus creating a blended family with 3 sons and 1 daughter.

**James** worked as a plant supervisor for various Chemical Companies, SB Penick, Englehard Industries, Devoe and Reynolds Paint Co., and Morton Chemicals. After surviving a plant explosion in April 1998, at the Morton Chemical Plant in Patterson New Jersey, **James** retired from this work. Upon his retirement he dedicated himself to volunteer work and Second Baptist Church.

Since 1970, **James** attended and served faithfully, as a member of Second Baptist Church, Rahway, New Jersey. As a 49-year member he served in many ministries, Male Usher Board, Sunday School Teacher, a member of the Bell Choir, a member of the Noon Day Prayer Circle which he attended faithfully until his health failed. James was also the Chairman of the Van Ministry from 2002 until his health failed.

**James** received the Second Baptist Church “Man of the Year” award in 1994. **James** was ordained as a Deacon on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1999 and served as Chairman of the Deacon Board for 2 terms; Jan 2004 – Dec 2005 and Jan. 2009 – Dec. 2011. eral years.

**James** was affectionately called by friends and family: “Jim”, “Jimmy”, “Fitz”, “Slim” and “Deac.”. James loved to play Golf, travel, attend symphony concerts, Broadway, Off Broadway plays, and Community Theater. James was also a Lifetime Member of the NCAACP and a Lifetime Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

**James** passed peacefully after a yearlong illness, at the JFK Medical Center, Haven Hospice on August 23, 2019.

**James** is survived by his wife of 56 years Sylvia, daughter Jeannine, 3 sons; Franklin D. (Jill) Shobe, Brian (Katrina) Shobe, and Lowell Shobe, God daughters; Michelle (Anthony) Harris, Sheila (Calva) Walters, God sons; Roland (Nettie) James Jr., Gregory (Mary) Johnson, and Tyrone Guinn, 9 Grandchildren; Kevin Shobe, Vanessa Shobe, Stephanie Bell, Tiffanie (Kendall)Hughes, Christine Shobe, Katrina B. Shobe, Franklin J. Shobe, Mason Shobe, Eric Michael William, 8 Great Grandchildren, 1 great-great Grandchild and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, friends and Church Family. **All of whom, James Loved, and they Loved Him!**

## *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude

Family Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Rev. Gregory Johnson  
*Destiny Church, Dotham Alabama*

New Testament.....Rev. Brian K. Shobe, Pastor,  
*Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis IN*

Prayer.....Rev. Walter King

Selection.....Second Baptist Male Chorus

Acknowledgments.....Church Clerk

Obituary.....*Read silently soft music*

Selection.....Second Baptist Male Chorus

Poem.....“The Dash“ by Linda Ellis Reading by Katrina B. Shobe

Family Tributes.....Dr. Barbara Spencer Ayers  
Roger E. Johnson  
Gregory Johnson

Remarks.....(2 minutes please) Ministers

Solo.....“Safe In His Arms” - Janice Caldwell

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. James W. Ealey, Pastor

Benediction

Recessional

### **Entombment**

Woodbridge Memorial Gardens  
Woodbridge, New Jersey