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Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Acknowledgements

Thank you friends, neighbors, medical community and to all, near and far, for your cards, prayers, caring, kindness, generosity and expressions of concern and support. We are deeply moved and appreciative. May God bless you.

The Watts Family

Donations

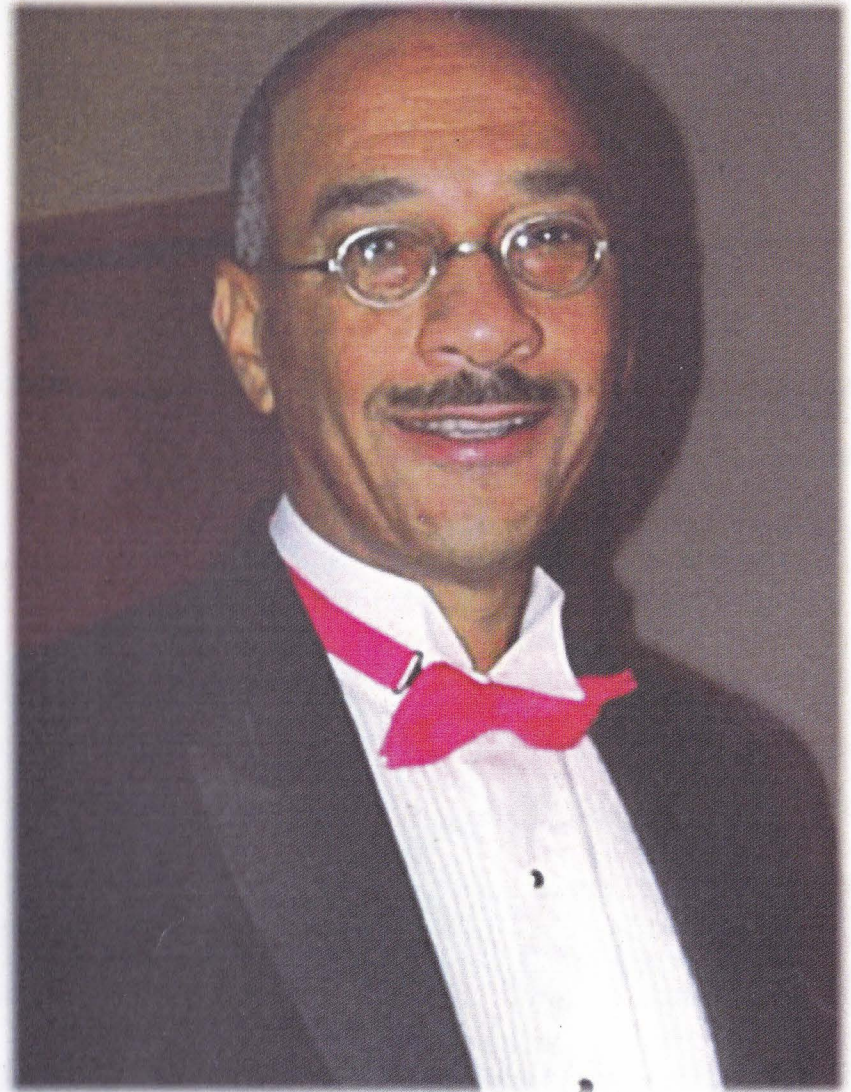
In lieu of flowers, Mr. Watts requested that donations be made in his memory to the Tuskegee University Engineers Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund: www.tueaa.org

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A Celebration of the Life of
Edward Orlando Watts, Sr., P.E.

November 24, 1942 - October 31, 2013

Order of Service

Tuesday, November 5, 2013 - 6:00 pm
Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, Buffalo, NY

Pastor George F. Nicholas, Senior Pastor - Officiating

Musical Prelude

Opening Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 61 Amy Torres-Watts

New Testament .. 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10 Andrea Watts

Acknowledgements Deborah Richardson

Reflections Family/Friends

Edward Watts, Jr., Dr. Geraldine Bell

Harold Williams, Calvin LaMar, Sanford Rosokoff

Ministry of Music Tim Kennedy
Roger Strother

Gospel Lesson John 14:1-4

Sermon Pastor George F. Nicholas

Recessional

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5

Remembering the Life of Edward Orlando Watts, Sr.

Edward Orlando Watts, Sr., P.E., Grand Island, NY, son of the late Simon and Valerie Watts, Coy, Alabama, departed his life on October 31, 2013. Ed received his high school diploma with honors from Camden Academy, Camden, Alabama; his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tuskegee University, Alabama; and an MBA from Baldwin-Wallace College, Cleveland, Ohio.

Ed began his professional career at Lockheed Martin in Atlanta, GA working as a design engineer for one year. He moved on to working for DuPont in Cleveland, OH before being transferred to Niagara Falls, NY. Later, he began his own business, now called Watts Architecture & Engineering, which recently celebrated 25 years as a successful business enterprise. Notable is that he began his company with only himself as the sole employee. The company is now managed by Edward Watts, Jr., AIA, President. Presently, the company employs approximately 100 individuals. He has received dozens of business and design professional society awards, chief of which is the US. Small Business Administration - 8(a) Graduate Firm of the Year Award presented in Washington, DC in 2010. His company also provides scholarships every year at the University of Buffalo for minority students - one for the School of Engineering and one for the School of Architecture.

He was an active member of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church serving on the Board of Trustees and as Church Treasurer. He also served in many unofficial capacities within the church and sang in the Senior Choir. He was also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

As an active member of the Tuskegee University Alumni Association, Ed returned to the University annually to work with the Graduate Professional Engineers to raise monies to upgrade the Department and for scholarships. While there, he spoke to students about careers in Engineering and small business ownership. Additionally, he helped to fund the Watts Family Scholarships at Alabama State University in honor of his mother, who was a graduate of that institution. His favorite past time was playing the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail throughout the State of Alabama, particularly THE JUDGE!

Ed completed the SUNY University at Buffalo Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership program. For more than ten years he returned to serve as a mentor for numerous business owners who were going through the program.

Remembering the Life of Edward Orlando Watts, Sr.

Ed created the WATTS OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT for his company's employees, awarding the prized Watts Green Jacket annually. He also organized and directed the American Institute of Architects/American Council of Engineering Consultants of Western New York Golf Tournament—which is a fund-raiser and was involved with its planning for more than ten years.

Left to mourn his passing are a devoted wife of 44 years, Lydia T. Watts, Ph.D.; sons, Edward Jr. (Amy) Buffalo, NY; Jonathan (Andrea) Alexandria, VA; and his grandchildren: Audrey, Maia, and Xavier Watts, Buffalo, NY.

Left to mourn are his siblings: Dr. Vivian Watts DeShields, Montgomery, AL; Dr. Geraldine Watts Bell (Milton) Birmingham, AL; Harold Watts (Charlene) Las Vegas, NV; and Claudette Watts Camp, Alabaster, AL. Additionally, left to mourn also are his sister-in-law, Cora Ann Watts, Lansing, MI; parents-in-law, Earl (Ola) Thurston, Tampa, FL; sister-in-law, Phyliss (Willy) English, Tampa, FL; sister-in-law, R. Patricia Crenshaw, Lithonia, GA; brother-in-law, Steven (Sharon) Thurston, Hampton Roads, VA; sister-in-law, Kim (Roosevelt) Wilson, Tampa, FL; Auntie Mary Thurston, Tampa, FL; nephews: Andre Watts (Dr. Sabrina Watts), Atlanta, GA; Harrison DeShields, III, Montgomery, AL; Carlton Bell (Tamara) San Antonio, TX; George Watts and Derrec Watts, Lansing, MI; Roosevelt Wilson, Tampa, FL; Marcus (Amanda) Wilson, Tampa, FL; Nathaniel Wilson, Rocky Mount, NC; Eric Crenshaw, Cleveland, OH; Nieces: Angelique Camp, Raleigh, NC; Monique Camp, Alabaster, AL; Veronique Camp, Atlanta, GA; and Mia Bell, Birmingham, AL.

"And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more."

Revelations 21:4

Poem for Ed

*My first look into your eyes--innocence, searching, sparks.
Our journey began.*

Discovery, multifaceted, the world available, opening up.

Marriage, spiritual seeking, learning together, lifelong.

Loving; children; cherishing family.

Friends, fun, exploring, doing--work and play.

Contributing, giving of ourselves, serving as we understood.

Living life, full throttle.

Roads twisting, turning, winding, finding our way.

Family extending, embracing, holding near

daughters-in-our-hearts, grandchildren dear.

God's plan unfolding as he chose.

Reflecting, hoping. Holding on to faith.

Eyes locking...knowing.

God's decision made.

Recognizing, glimpsing!

Ending, Parting.

You, returning to His Light.

Lydia T. Watts

Order of Service

Pastor George Nicholas Officiating

Procession	Clergy and Family
Musical Selection	Mitchell McCloed
Scriptures Old Testament	Sean Thompson ~Isaiah 40:28-31
New Testament	Michele Brinkley ~John 14:1-3
Prayer	Carolyn Thompson
Musical Selection	Mitchell McCleod
Poem	"The Grandchildren" Dariele & Antaney Brinkley
Expressions (2 Minutes)	LMUMC Usher Board Family & Friends
Musical Selection	Mitchell McCleod
Eulogy	Pastor George Nicholas
Recession	Clergy and Family

In Remembrance of

Lillye V Brinkley transitioned to her eternal home on June 6th, 2013. Born on February 17th, 1937 to the late Howard Russell and Lessie Dewer. Lillye accepted Jesus Christ at an early age. She graduated from Langston High School in Danville, Virginia, moved to New York City and finally settled in Buffalo New York. She retired from Trico Products after many years of service.

Lillye was united in holy matrimony to George L Brinkley, Jr on May 23, 1959. From this union they had two daughters, Gisele and Michele Brinkley. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband George L. Brinkley, Jr.; daughters, Gisele and Michele Brinkley, grandchildren Antaney and Dariele Brinkley, sisters, Ida Thompson (Houston, TX) Dakota Montgomery (Buffalo, NY) Loretta Cammon (Roxbury , NC) and the late Mildred Inge; and her dearest friend Ozella Salter; and a host of relatives and friends.

