

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....Family

Opening Selection....."Amazing Grace"

Prayer of Comfort.....Ray Wright

Scripture Reading.....Old Testament | Psalm 23

New Testament | John 14:1-6

Acknowledgments and the Obituary.....Charlotte Allen-Burnley

Remarks and Reflections.....Family and Friends

Closing Selection....."I'll Fly Away"

Recessional.....Family

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

*When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me*

*I wish you wouldn't cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We did not get to say*

*I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
Each time that you think of me
I know you will miss me too*

*When tomorrow starts with out me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand*

*The angel said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And that I would have to leave behind
All those I dearly love*

*So when tomorrow starts without me
Do not think we're apart
For every time you think of me
Remember I'm right here in your heart*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We extend our sincerest appreciation for the kind expressions of sympathy, prayers, and love shown during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.



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CELEBRATING HIS LIFE

NOEL

Donald

MATTHEWS

DECEMBER 19, 1951 – JANUARY 30, 2024

Service of Love

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024 | 10:00AM

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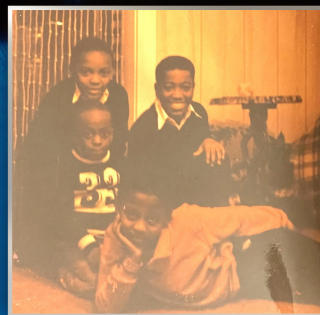
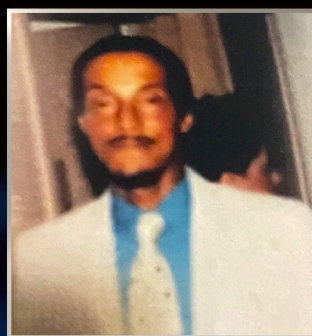
HIS STORY

Noel Donald Matthews was born on December 19, 1951, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Ruby Matthews and raised by his stepfather Clifton Grandy. He was educated in the public school system in Philadelphia County. He received his high school diploma from Benjamin Franklin High School for Boys.

Noel began working at 14 years old after school at the Peanut Store, located in the 2100 block of Ridge Avenue. His first job taught him valuable lessons in financial matters and money management. He learned to be "penny wise and a dollar smart." He saved his money and never asked anyone for financial assistance. After graduating from high school, Noel began a long career with Budd Automotive Company located on Hunting Park Avenue in Philadelphia as an Elevator Lift Operator. He would later become a Forklift Driver until his retirement in 2012.

During Noel's employment with Budd Company, in his spare time, he learned the trade of the family-owned automobile tire business. He asked his younger brother Ralph, who had grown up in and mastered the tire business, to teach him the trade. Ralph agreed and taught his brother Noel everything he needed to know to manage tires. Noel later purchased a building on Front Street in Philadelphia and opened his own tire establishment.

Noel seemed to master everything he attempted, but most of all, the hobby of billiards. He practiced playing pool on his days off and every spare moment, so much so that he was nicknamed "Mosconi" after the famous pool player "Willie Mosconi." He performed pool shots such as 4 and 8 rail bank shots and never missed. Opponents would fear playing him knowing he could run a rack of balls and never give them a shot. Pool was his passion.



Noel's other passion was Porsche automobiles. After saving his money for the car of his dreams, he walked into a dealership and chose his car. When the salesmen wrote up the deal, Noel said "You can do better than that." The salesmen asked "Well, how much are you going to put down, Mr. Matthews?" He presented a large sum of money to the salesmen and drove off in a Porsche 944, which he cherished. Noel also loved the band Prince and the Revolution as well as films featuring Prince. He was a fan of Philadelphia's sports teams, the 76er's and the Eagles. He also enjoyed playing chess. He was a member of the first chess teams at Vaux Jr. High School that went on to win National and International Championships.

Noel was a member of the Church of Christ and was baptized with his childhood sweetheart, Gloria Ann Jackson, whom he met working at the Peanut Store on Ridge Avenue. They would later reunite and marry. He was a loving husband and provider for his family. His humor was sharp, and, after walking into a room, laughter would soon follow.

Noel was preceded in death by his wife Gloria Matthews; his mother Ruby Grandy; his stepfather, Clifton Grandy; and his sisters Linda Willis and Cynthia Hart. He leaves to cherish his memories: his daughter, Dr. Shauntey James; his sons, Hezekiah Watson (Alicia), D. Dexter Watson, and Noel Donald Matthews II; his stepson Major Jackson; his grandchildren Hezekiah Watson Jr., Jade Watson, Isaiah Watson, Navaeh Laflair, Cynniah Ross; his brother Ralph Grandy and his sisters Diann Grandy-Singleton (Floyd) and Cheryl Grandy; a stepsister, Audrey Grandy Watson (Anthony); two sisters-in-law, Rochelle Brasier and Marquita Mack; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Lovingly Submitted,

THE FAMILY

