

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,

I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work or play

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

If my parting has left a void,

I've found that peace at the close of day

Then fill it with remembered joy

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life's been full, I've savored much,

Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch

If my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,

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Acknowledgements

We are never prepared to accept a loved one being called home, but we are so grateful for loving family, kind friends, and caring acquaintances who have shown love and care to our family during this time.

Your calls, text messages, cards, food, visits and kind deeds are forever registered in our hearts. We pray God's richest blessings upon you for every act of kindness.

Blessings,

The Family of Lenard E. Hill

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HONORING OUR HERO



Lenard Edward Hill



Genesis

January 12, 1954

Exodus

March 17, 2023

Friday, March 24, 2023

1:00 PM

Edwards Small Mortuary Chapel
1011 Martin Luther King Jr Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030

Summary of Life

“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.” Psalm 51:1-2

Mr. Lenard E. Hill was born January 12, 1954 to the parentage of Elijah and Mattie Hill in Fort Valley, Georgia.

He enlisted in the United States Army on June 25, 1973. Lenard began his education in the Peach County School System. He received his diploma in 1975 from the Nuernberg American High School, West Germany. Lenard served his country with distinction as a Water Treatment NCO and received many awards and decoration medals. They included: The Army Commendation Medal; The Army Achievement Medal, The Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbons, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon and the Rifle M16 Service Expert Ribbon. Sergeant Hill was Honorably discharged on March 29, 1991.

During his military service, he met and married Marie N. Castrillon on June 6, 1988.

Lenard accepted Christ and joined the Shiloh Baptist Church at an early age under the Pastorage of Silas McKenzie.

He was formally employed as a Truck Driver for Bulkmatic Transport, Schwerman Trucking, General Parcel, Wooten Transport, JB Hunt and Cagles Incorporated.

On Friday evening, March 17, 2023, Lenard Edward Hill was called home to his Heavenly Father. Both parents preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a beloved wife for over thirty years, Maria Hill, Perry, Georgia; his devoted sisters and brothers: Johnny (Willie Mae) Hill, Marshallville, Georgia; Gloria H. Wright, Warner Robins, Georgia; Nadine (Grover) Stephens, Fort Valley, Georgia; Venie (Kenton) Crawford, Perry, Georgia; a God brother: Napoleon (Della) Smith, Fort Valley, Georgia. He also leaves loving nieces and nephews: Charles Watson, Tiffany Dickson, Alvin Ross, Gita Wright, Travis Ross, Brandon Ross and a special great nephew: D'Andre Williams; an aunt: Elizabeth White; along with a host of other relatives and sorrowing friends.



Family
is a gift
That Lasts
forever

The Order of Celebration

Military Honor

Rev. Ezekiel Harvey, Officiating

Musical Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Reverend Ezekiel Harvey
Shiloh Baptist Church, Fort Valley, Georgia

Scriptures

Old Testament.....Sis. Gita Wright

New Testament.....Sis. Valerie White

Reflections.....Bro. Napoleon Smith

Musical Tribute.....Sis. Florine Ezell

Eulogy.....Rev. Ezekiel Harvey

United States Military Honors

Committal

Acknowledgments.....Edwards Small Mortuary Staff

Benediction.....Rev. Ezekiel Harvey

Our Family

Is a Circle of Strength;
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love
Kept by God, Together
forever

