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Acknowledgment

A special thanks to all of our care givers for your love and devotion. We also would like to thank the staff at Carolina Healthcare Center.

The family of Edward Jesse High, Sr. acknowledges with sincere appreciation your understanding, your prayers, and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement.

We shall always remember with much gratitude your thoughtful efforts to bring us comfort and peace during the passing of our loved one.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, thy righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2nd Timothy 4: 7-8

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A Celebration Of Life Of Mr. Edward Jesse High, Sr. "A Real Gentleman"



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Obituary

Edward Jesse High, Sr.

Edward Jesse High, Sr. was born on February 28, 1920 and was the second of seven children born to the late Clement R. High and Helen Jessie Stokes High in Boston, Massachusetts. He made his transition to Eternal Life on Monday morning, December 6, 2010 in Charlotte, North Carolina. His wife of 48 years, Naomi Watson High, predeceased him in March, 1994. From this wonderful union, they became the proud parents of two children; Anita LaRay and Edward, II.

Edward started his education at Boston English High School and continued his education for three years at North Carolina College for Negroes (now North Carolina Central University). In 1942, World War II started and Edward served his country proudly for more than three years in the China-Burma-India Theater as a Master Sergeant. He was personnel sergeant major of the 45th Quartermaster Truck Regiment. After the war, he transferred to Columbia University Teacher's College in New York, where he received his B.S. Degree in Business Education and his M.A. Degree in Vocational Education. Additionally, while at Columbia, he received a Professional Diploma in Supervision of Business and Commercial Subjects. Being a lifelong learner, Edward furthered his studies in Administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received a Certificate of Completion in Municipal Administration from the school's Institute of Government.

Having prepared himself academically for a rewarding professional career, Ed worked as a postman for nine years. At the time, it was the best job available to him. However, he longed to work as an accountant, the field in which he majored at Columbia University. So in 1963, officials of Fund Investments, Inc., a mutual fund investment firm in Charlotte, NC, offered him a job as Assistant Controller. Continually striving for higher aspirations, Ed became the Housing Manager for Fairview Homes. From 1968 - 1972, he served as Chief of Administration for the Charlotte Area Fund and from 1972 - 1974, he served as Director of the Concentrated Employment Program for the Charlotte Area Fund. Before retiring in 1986, Ed served as Administrative Services Officer, overseeing the budget for the Charlotte Utility Department.

Ed's professional experience prepared him to serve on

several Boards and Committees within the community. He was a member of the Charlotte Airport Advisory Committee and was appointed to the North Carolina State Board of Elections by then Governor Jim Hunt, where he rose to become Chairman. He was a member of the Budget Board for the United Community Services of Mecklenburg County; member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Literacy; National Director of Assault on Literacy Programs for Prince Hall Shriners; Board Member of the North Carolina Retired Governmental Employees Association; and charter member of the North Carolina Board of Community Colleges appointed by then Governor James Martin, where he became Director.

Ed served faithfully in his church and in the community through numerous fraternal and civic organizations. He was a long-time member of First Baptist Church - West, where he once served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and as Comptroller. He was a member and Past Master of Unique Lodge #85 (Prince Hall Masons); member of Charlotte Consistory #35; member and Past Potentate & Deputy of Oasis, Rameses Temple #51, A.E.A.O.N.M. S.; member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., where he recently received recognition for 70 years of service; member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc. - Beta Delta Boule; member I.B.P.O.E.W. (Elks); member of Mules, Inc. - Charlotte Chapter; member of the National Society of Public Accountants; member of NAACP; and member of the McCrorey Branch YMCA. An avid Bridge player and instructor, Ed served as Past Chairman and as Auditor for the Metrolina Duplicate Bridge Club and as Past Chairman and Auditor for the American Bridge Association, Inc.

Ed leaves to cherish fond memories: daughter, Anita High Lewis of Charlotte, North Carolina; son, Edward, II and his wife, Mary Lockamy-High of Mitchellville, Maryland; brother, Clement R. High and his wife, Barbara of Valley Stream, New York; grandchildren, Clifford and Jasmine Maree of Charlotte, North Carolina and Endya and Maya High of Mitchellville, Maryland; brother-in-law, John Watson and his wife, Carolyn of Smithfield, North Carolina; sister-in-law, Mary E. High of Salem, Virginia; companion, Dr. Esther Page Hill of Charlotte, North Carolina; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. He will be truly missed by all whose lives he touched and the communities he served.