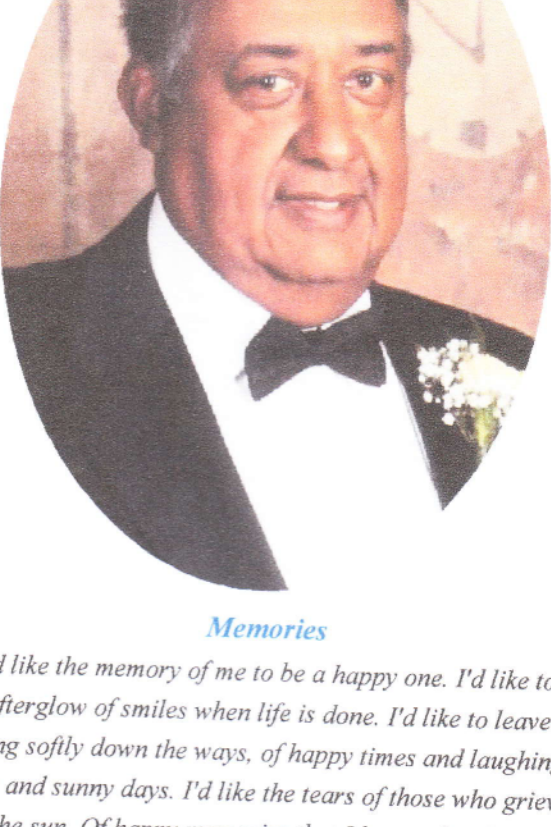


# Home Going Service for James L. Portlock

Sunrise  
September 21, 1947

Sunset  
January 2, 2016



### Memories

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun. Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*

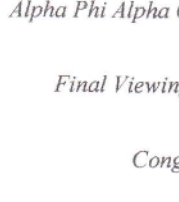
### Home Going

Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 10:00 A. M.  
Viewing: 8:00 A. M. ~ 10:00 A. M.

**Mt. Zion C.M.E. Church**  
701 Felton & Orange Avenues  
Sharon Hill, PA 19079

Reverend Alfred Parker, Pastor, Officiating

Pastor Mack Granderson ~ Eulogy  
Derry Street United Methodist Church  
Harrisburg, PA



## Order of Service

Musical Prelude ~ Musicians

Processional ~ Ministers, Clergy, & Family

Alpha Phi Alpha Omega Service ~ Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Brothers

Final Viewing / Closing of the Bier, Claude J. Edney F.H Staff

Congregational Hymn ~ "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer of Comfort ~ Pastor Dyheim Watson, First Nazarene Church/Camden, NJ

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-5, Wayne K. Portlock, Coleman Memorial UMC, Wilmington, DE  
New Testament ~ Matthew 6:9-13, Kelvin Mixon, Harrisburg, PA

Musical Selection (Solo) ~ Melissa Jones, Niece

Resolutions/Cards/Acknowledgements ~ Sis. Claudia Fillis, Mt. Zion CME Church/Sharon Hill, PA

Silent Reading of the Life Reflection (Obituary) ~ To Musical Interlude

Reflections/Expressions ~ Church, Family & Friends; (2 Minute Limit Respectfully)

Musical Selection ~ Bishop Douglas Yancy, Mt. Mariah Apostolic Church, Phila., PA

Words of Comfort ~ Pastor Alfred Parker

Musical Selection ~ Nieces

Eulogy ~ Pastor Mack Granderson

Benediction

Recessional ~ W/ Medley of Hymns

"Going Up Yonder"  
"Soon and Very Soon"  
"I'll Fly Away"

### INTERMENT

Rolling Green Memorial Park  
1008 West Chester Pike  
West Chester, PA 19382

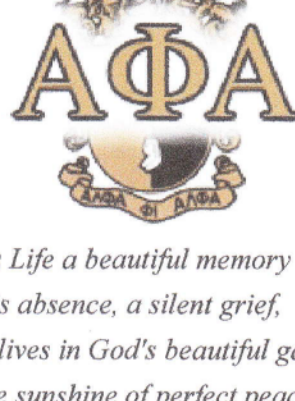
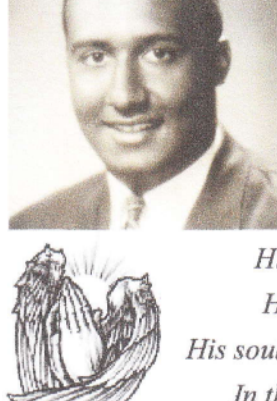
### REPAST

Following the Interment, Family & Friends will be received at:  
(5 minutes away from Rolling Green Memorial Park)

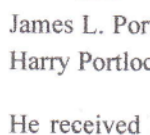
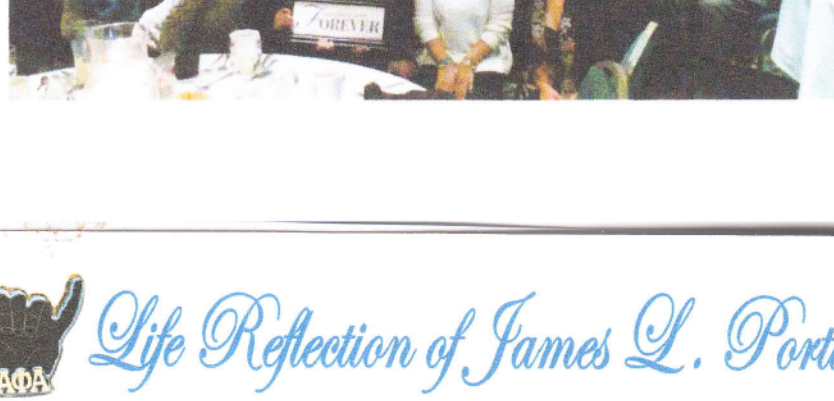
Days Hotel

943 South High Street  
West Chester, PA 19382

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His life a beautiful memory  
His absence, a silent grief,  
His soul lives in God's beautiful garden  
In the sunshine of perfect peace



## Life Reflection of James L. Portlock

James L. Portlock, affectionately known as "Jim or Jimmy", was born to the late Gladys and Harry Portlock on September 21, 1947. He was the fifth child born from that union.

He received his childhood education in Allentown, PA. After graduating Allentown High School, he enrolled at Howard University where he pledged his loyalty to Alpha Phi Alpha and enjoyed playing football as a member of the Howard University Football Team. He graduated Howard with a degree in Business Administration. Directly following this accomplishment, he was awarded a fellowship to the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business where he received his MBA in 1971.

In July of 1972, he was married to the love of his life, Linda Marlene Lester, by Reverend Williams of Mt. Zion CME Church. They began their life journey in Harrisburg where he worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield. He established and maintained several businesses including restaurants, real estate, and maintenance services. During the same time period, he was also a professor at several universities: Lincoln University, Penn State University (Harrisburg Campus), and West Chester University.

Later he was called back to his hometown to serve as a Risk Management Administrator for the city of Allentown. Because of his MBA in healthcare, Jim was hired as the assistant to the Dean at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). The students there loved Jim, and they acknowledged him for his devotion to them.

After leaving PCOM, he decided to work in his family's established business, Portlock Maintenance Services while he continued to oversee and maintain his real estate holdings.

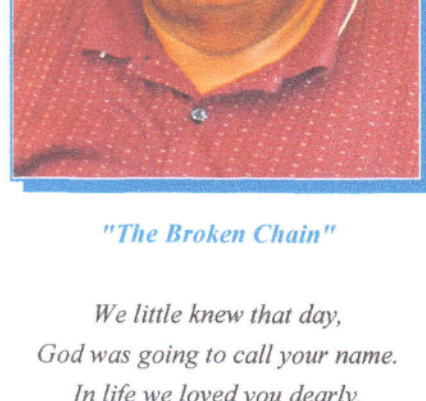
Jim was a community activist; he was involved in supporting the people where he lived and making a vibrant and safe neighborhood. He believed in giving back to the underserved communities where he grew up. He served these communities through mentoring youth, fundraising, and supporting elected officials in their improvement endeavors.

As much as Jim loved helping others, he also loved his animals. He enjoyed watching birds and seeing their behaviors in nature, but most of all, he loved his dogs. Throughout his life, he owned many different types of dogs, however, his favorite were the King Charles Cavaliers, Merlin and Lance. He spoiled his dogs often treating them to leftovers from different meals at restaurants. Whenever Jim sat down to eat, the dogs knew it was their mealtime as well.

Jim's family and friends knew him for his great sense of humor and witty remarks. He loved to tease his family members from time to time and make jokes. This was one of the many ways he showed his love for family. He also loved listening to Jazz music, especially smooth Jazz and collected many cd's and albums. He was an avid Antique Collector and proudly displayed his many unique antique nautical treasures.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, David. He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife of 43 years, Linda Portlock; his sisters: Yolanda Umali of Fort Washington, MD, Mary E. Hawkins (Rudolph) of Princeton, NJ, and Sylvia Jones (Barnabas) of Allentown, PA.; a mother-in-law, Nannie Lester; one sister-in-law, Cheryl Yancy (Raymond); three brothers-in-law: Charles E. Lester (Jantha), Stephen Lester, and Gary Lester; three aunts: Rosalie Steverson, Louise Jones, and Joan Dennis Wiley (Floyd); one uncle, Richard Dennis (Lossie), as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly & Sorrowfully Submitted, The Family



### "The Broken Chain"

We little knew that day,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

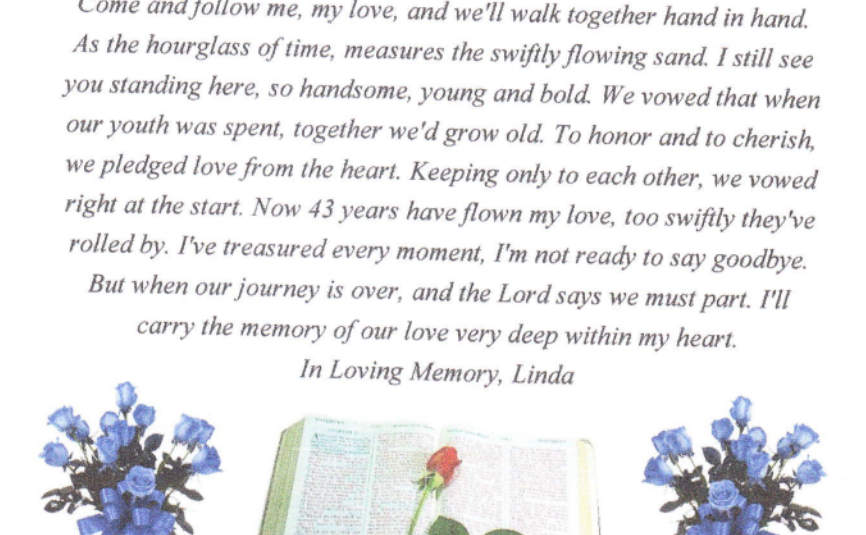
You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

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### Pall Bearers

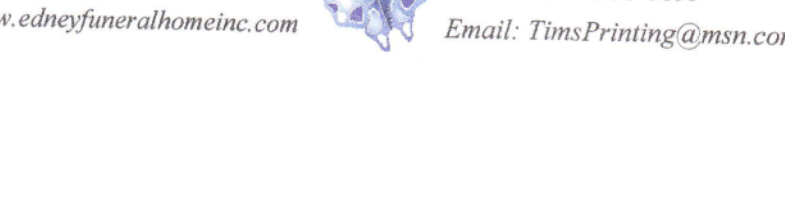
Barney Jones, Jr. ~ Michael Umali  
Gary Lester Sr. ~ Harry Jones  
Matt Jones ~ Charles Lester II  
Rudolph Hawkins (Honorary Pallbearer)



### The Final Journey

*Come and follow me, my love, and we'll walk together hand in hand. As the hourglass of time, measures the swiftly flowing sand. I still see you standing here, so handsome, young and bold. We vowed that when our youth was spent, together we'd grow old. To honor and to cherish, we pledged love from the heart. Keeping only to each other, we vowed right at the start. Now 43 years have flown my love, too swiftly they've rolled by. I've treasured every moment, I'm not ready to say goodbye. But when our journey is over, and the Lord says we must part. I'll carry the memory of our love very deep within my heart.*

In Loving Memory, Linda



### A Notes Of Thanks & Appreciation

The Family of James L. Portlock would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all those who extended their gracious love and kindness during this difficult time. Your countless acts of kindness and love have provided much comfort. May God bless each of you and keep you in His care.

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