

Emmett V. Easley As A Christian

After leaving Payne Chapel A.M.E. Church, Emmett became a faithful and devout member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in New York City where he served as a steward. He has won numerous men, women, and children to Christ in his quite, unassuming way and has been an example for others in the community to follow. He spent many fruitful services in numerous leadership capacities in the Church. He possessed many Christian virtues and lived a consistent Christian life before the world. He served as secretary to the stewards and financial secretary to the pastor, officers, and other lay persons of the Church who needed him.

Since he didn't have relatives in the area, numerous church persons became very close to Emmett and adopted him as their son. He was especially loyal to the work of the Church and never refused a task because he was already too busy, not feeling well, or too tired. A life lived as Emmett Easley lived cannot die, but will live on in the hearts and memories and ideals of all those who knew and loved him.

*The St. Marks United Methodist Church
Family of New York City*

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To Emmett, With Love

A great life is closed. A jovial, free-spirited, unselfish, courageous man is gone, and with Emmett has fled those qualities and high standards which made him a noble figure among us - his devote loved ones, classmates, and friends.

His death has brought deep sorrow to us, but we remember with love, the school days, the fun times, his generosity, his stamina, his immaculateness, his respect for self and others, his broadmindedness, and his high regard for God and mankind.

Emmett V. Easley had that rare ability to make the commonplace most beautiful.

*"There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own."*

Edwin Markham
The Class of '49

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A TRIBUTE TO OUR FRIEND

Emmett V. Easley

Vernon Lambert

Charles M. Collier

Oftentimes the first emotions which emerge from our inner beings upon hearing of a friend's demise, are feelings of incredulity, mixed with deep rage, grief, passion and mournful sorrow. Fortunately, after our emotions calm and our thinking becomes clearer, we begin to understand our Father's message. Sometimes God looks upon His children and selects one for that Glorious Kingdom. So it is with our friend, Emmett. God does not make mistakes.

Most of us can count perhaps two, maybe three true friends in a lifetime. The rest of our earthly lives will be that much richer remembering Emmett as a true friend. His life and relationships with others epitomized the meaning of the word friend. His attitude toward those close to him was always the same. You could go to him with a problem and expect understanding and a positive response. His thinking was compassionate and kind to the point of almost being humble. One aspect of Emmett's life which set him apart from most people was his ability to see good in all people and beauty in life. If he judged people at all, it was by the content of their character. Those lessons in humaneness fostered at home and church followed him throughout his life.

As we think of Emmett at this moment, one imagines that he would not want his family and friends to mourn his passing, but think instead of this time as the beginning of untold peace for him and a new life in his Father's heavenly kingdom. God does not make mistakes.

He Maketh No Mistake

*My Father's way may twist and turn, My heart may throb and ache,
But in my soul I'm glad I know, He maketh no mistake.*

*My cherished plans may go astray, My hopes may fade away,
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead, For He doth know the way.*

*Though night be dark and it may seem, That day will never break,
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him, He maketh no mistake.*

*There's so much now I cannot see, My eyesight's far too dim;
But come what may, I'll surely trust, And leave it all to Him.*

*For by and by the mist will lift, And plain it all He'll make;
Through all the way, though dark to me, He made not one mistake.*

- A.M. Overton

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Nephews
First Cousins
Class of '49

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Teachers of Palm Beach County
Veteran's of Foreign Wars
Paramount Lodge #526 Order of Elks
Male Stewards of Payne Chapel Church A.M.E.

Charles Collier
Vernon Lambert

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Class of 1949
Teachers of Palm Beach County
F.R. Satchel Board
Class of 1951 & 1953

IN APPRECIATION

For the many acts of kindness shown this family.

*Through your cards, letters, telegrams, food, prayers,
and your visits in person and by telephone, we are
grateful.*

We solicit your continued prayers and concern and

trust that we will always prove loyal to your confidence.

- The Family of the late

Mr. Emmett Vincent Easley

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COLEMAN FUNERAL HOME

EULOGISTICAL SERVICES

FOR THE LATE

EMMETT VINCENT EASLEY

E - Earnest
M - Mirthful
M - Manly
E - Empathetic
T - Tried
T - Thoughtful

V - Victorious
I - Inspiring
N - Nurturing - Neat
C - Courageous - Christian - Treated Everybody Right
E - Endurance - He conquers who endures
N - Noble in deeds
T - Trustworthy

E - Eminent
A - Astute
S - Sincere - Successful - Stylish
L - Loyal
E - Energetic
Y - Yielding

SATURDAY, APRIL TWENTY-SEVENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE

PAYNE CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH
Corner of Ninth and Division Street
West Palm Beach, Florida

Reverend Frank R. Satchel, Pastor

Interment: Glenwood Cemetery
Riviera Beach, Florida

*The heavenly gates have just opened wide,
and a loving voice said, "Come, God knew
that you were tired and hills were hard to
climb, so he closed his weary eyes and
whispered, peace be thine."*



IN MEMORIAM

Funeral Services

For the late

Emmett Vincent Easley



MR. EMMETT VINCENT EASLEY

Obituary

of the late

Emmett Vincent Easley

"Not dead, but promoted,
He has joined the Angels above;
And blessed by the smiles from the Master,
He waits for those whom he loves.

Life commenced for Emmett in West Palm Beach, Florida on December 6. He was the third of six children born to the parentage of Mrs. Oretha J. Easley and the late Mr. Andrew Easley.

He attended Mrs. Fennell's private elementary school until fourth grade, and transferred to Industrial High School where he graduated in 1949. Later, he continued his education by matriculating at Florida A. & M. College, where he received the Bachelor of Science degree. He did further study at New York University and received a Master of Science degree. Further study was done toward the Doctorate degree at N.Y.U.

Emmett served his term in the United States Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged.

Emmett was exposed to the type of Christian environment that enabled him to see the need for Christ in his life. He accepted the call of Christian Conversion at an early age during the pastorship of the late Bishop C. A. Gibbs. He was baptized and became affiliated with Payne Chapel A.M.E. Church, West Palm Beach, FL. Here he served in the Sunday School, A.C.E. League, Choir & Boy Scouts.

In later years, Emmett moved to New York City and became affiliated with St. Marks United Methodist Church. Here he served as a Male Steward, Secretary, and on other boards and clubs of the Church. He was a hard worker and a faithful and dependable member of St. Marks.

Many lives have been touched by Emmett as he willingly rendered service in the educational systems of New York and Palm Beach County for over twenty five years. His teaching career ended at Public School #113 on Friday, April 19, 1985.

The decedent touched lives through the Church, educational and civic organizations. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, American Federation of Teachers Union, New York Chapter of Florida A. & M. Alumni, NAACP, The New York - Palm Beach Club and others.

Emmett, affectionately called "Sonny Boy" by his family will always be remembered for his quiet, most helpful and loving demeanor. His philosophy of life was: Put God first and help others to help themselves.

His demise came suddenly on Saturday, April 20, 1985 after a very, very short illness in New York City.

Those lamenting his demise are his mother, Oretha J. Easley, W.P.B., FL; a sister, Olivia Easley, W.P.B., FL; three brothers, Richard N., James C. and A. Robert Easley, W.P.B., FL; two uncles, James E. Jones, Green Cove Springs, FL, and Dave Monroe, Brunswick, GA; five aunts, Ruby J. Monroe, Brunswick, Martha Jones, Gee Cove Springs, FL, Annie Jones, Woodbine, GA, Bertha Jones, Deerfield Beach, FL, Juanita W. Mann, Miami, FL; one loving sister-in-law, Hattie Barber Easley, W.P.B., FL; nephews, Rick Easley, Atlanta, GA, Alexander Smith, Orlando, FL, Dwight Floyd, Tallahassee, FL, Vincent, James, Robert, and Kevin Easley, W.P.B., FL; nieces, Melvinia Roberts, Jacksonville, FL, Denise Minor Smith, Orlando, FL, Cheryl M. Minor, Miami, FL, Patrice Minor Floyd, Tallahassee, FL, Yvette Easley, Daytona, FL, Brenda Easley, W.P.B., FL; grand nephews and nieces, other very close relatives and friends. Special friends of Emmett: Betty and Charles Collier, Vernon Lambert, Frances and Roland Blye, Connie Collins and Herman Griffin, New York City and Timothy Jones, W.P.B., FL.

Tribute to our Uncle -

While others may say life is meant to be enjoyed, Emmett lived it. Because of that, it decreases some of the sadness.

Emmett treated me like a daughter rather than a niece whenever I was in his presence. He always gave good solid advice. I'll always remember him and the advice. Uncle Vincent was special to me. Even though we did not spend a great deal of time together, he let me know that I was special to him also.

I will miss those Christmas gatherings with the family, Charles and Vernon, and the good times we've had during my lifetime. The funny times at Grandma's house, his wishes for my life long successes. He taught me style and showed me how to enjoy life. I will miss "Sonny Boy".

By Rick, Patrice, Cheryl, Denise
and the rest.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude Mr. George Coleman, at the organ

PROCESSIONAL "The Lord's Prayer"

SELECTION #332 "Blessed Assurance" . . Choir

INVOCATION Brother C. C. Harvey
Payne Chapel A.M.E. Church

SCRIPTURE Rev. Isaac Harvey

SOLO "An Uncloody Day" Mrs. Janet Trottie Hubbard

EXPRESSION . . As A Friend Mr. Charles Collier
New Bethel Baptist Church

RESOLUTIONS St. Mark's United Methodist Church
New York, NY
Class of 1949 - Industrial High School
Payne Chapel A.M.E. Church

TRIBUTE IN SONG Mrs. Patrice Minor Floyd, niece
Tallahassee, Fla.

TRIBUTE Mr. Ricky Easley, nephew
Atlanta, GA

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SELECTION . . "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" Choir

EULOGY Reverend Frank R. Satchel

RECESSIONAL "I'll Fly Away"