

*Celebration of Life*  
*for*



*Eric Douglas Bumbray*  
*"Dickie"*

*Sunrise Sunset*

September 6, 1959 - July 29, 2009

*Monday, August 3, 2009*

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. Services: 11:00 a.m.

*Reid Temple A.M.E*

11400 Glenn Dale

Glenn Dale, MD 20769

Rev. Lee P. Washington, Senior Pastor

# *Order of Service*

**Rev. Alicia Hunt, Officiating**

**Processional**

*Clergy*

**Opening Hymn**

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Scripture Reading**

**Old Testament**

*Wisdom of Solomon: 3: 1-7 Elmer Bumbray*

**New Testament**

*John: 14: 1-6 Kevin Bumbray*

**Selection**

**Reflections**

*(Please limit remarks to 2 minutes)*

**Acknowledgements**

*(Cards and Letters)*

**Tributes**

*Yvonne Caldwell*

*Mia Lee*

*Wreatha Watts Anderson*

**Obituary Reading**

*Connie Goode*

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Rev. Maurice Banks, III**

*First Baptist Church of Deanwood*

**Recessional**

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**Resurrection Cemetery**

**Clinton, Maryland**



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*"GOING HOME"*



## *Pallbearers*

**Dennis Archible  
Sean Scott  
Stephon Scott  
Woolfork**

**Ronnie Thomas  
Kelechi Ukpabi  
Ricardo**

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

**Arnold Lee, III  
Kevin Bumbray  
Donald Caldwell  
Elmer Bumbray**

**Ralph Woodson  
Randy Woodson  
Ralph Watts  
Kevin Beaty**

## *Acknowledgements & Special Thanks*

*For a Special Friend  
There's a miracle called friendship  
That dwells within our hearts,  
We don't know how it happened  
Or where it got its start.  
But the happiness it brings us  
Always gives a special lift,  
And we realize your friendship  
Is God's most precious gift!*

The Bumbray family wishes to express its love, thanks, and heartfelt appreciation to all of the family members and many friends who have given any form of assistance during their period of bereavement. Your prayers, calls, donations (both monetary and food), cards, and words of comfort have sustained us and given us encouragement and we are eternally grateful. May God continue to bless each of you and may your days always be filled with sunshine.

Love,  
*The Bumbray Family*

## *Repat immediately following the Interment*

**Reid Temple, AME  
11400 Glenn Dale Boulevard  
Glenn Dale, Maryland 20765**

## *Arrangements*

**Murray Funeral Home  
4804 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC**



## Obituary

*"The clock of life is wound but once and no one has the power  
to know just when the clock will stop,  
at late or early hour.*

*Now is the time we live, love, and honor God's will,  
But place no hope in tomorrow,  
for the clock may then be still.*

*And so the clock was stilled for Eric, early Wednesday morning, July 29, 2009".*

Eric Douglas Bumbray was born at the former Freedman's Hospital, in Washington, DC, on September 6, 1959. He was the fourth child born to the late Edward Douglas Bumbray and Fannie Scott Bumbray. As a youngster he was affectionately given the nickname "Dickie". Dickie slept, peacefully, into eternity on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 as a result of injuries he sustained from a motorcycle accident the afternoon of July 28, 2009.

Dickie grew up, with his siblings, in a loving, closely united family in Washington, DC. He attended schools in the District of Columbia Public School System and graduated from McKinley Senior High School in 1978. Following graduation, he remained in the Washington area for a number of years, but in the fall of 1986 decided to move to Atlantic City to live with his younger brother Elmer. His love for food and cooking prompted him to enroll in a Culinary Arts Institute while living in Atlantic City. He successfully completed the program and received a certificate, from that Institute in 1998. Although Elmer returned to Washington, Dickie chose to remain in New Jersey until the summer of 2000, when he then returned to the DC area.

Upon his return to Washington he sought making a living in various areas of employment, but his passion for cooking and his culinary certificate enabled him to secure the position of Head Chef at P.G. Community College. He held that position for a few years and then accepted employment with Stefron, LLC, a construction company owned and operated by a family friend.

Dickie never married and never had any biological children; however, he became a surrogate father to DaQuan Higgs, the son of Patricia Higgs, a very close and dear friend. His charm and wit impressed a young lady named Clarice Locke, whom he met in August 2000. They soon became an item and remained inseparable partners until his untimely passing.



While living in New Jersey Dickie had an epiphany that led him to seek more knowledge and information about spirituality and his curiosity led him to the Muslim faith. His affiliation with the Muslim religion resulted in him choosing the name "Shakur". He continued to use the name, periodically, throughout his spiritual awakening. In later years, having been inspired by the Ministry at Reid Temple, AME, and his faith base led him in a different direction and just last year, in 2008, he joined this church.

Dickie was an entertaining, friendly, fun-loving individual who derived pleasure from engaging in family gatherings, social and athletic activities, and just anything that was amusing. His interests included jet skiing, horseback riding, rollerblading, swimming, visiting amusement parks and especially riding roller coasters, and his all time favorite pastime of riding his motorcycle. His love for cooking and extraordinary culinary skills made him an exceptional chef and outstanding teacher who loved to share his delectable recipes and excellent creations with others. He was an avid Redskins fan and enjoyed watching the games with family and friends.

Dickie's "book of life" has now been closed. The chapters in his book have become annals that can be filed in the minds and hearts of those who remain to cherish his memory – his sisters Sharon Bumbray Watts (Billy), Sanita and Tarita Bumbray, brothers Kevin (Brenda) and Elmer Bumbray (Kim), his loving and devoted companion Clarice Locke, niece Mia Lee, nephews Arnold "Shorty" Lee, Jermaine Bumbray, Raquel Bumbray, and Christian Watts, his great nephew KaVon Ukpabi, two paternal aunts-in-law Edna Bumbray and Betty Bumbray, nephew-in-law Eric Watts, niece-in-law Elynn Lewis, two great nephews-in-law, a multitude of cousins, and friends too numerous to mention.

*"God saw the road was getting rough,  
The hills were hard to climb.  
He gently closed your loving eyes  
And whispered, "Peace be thine".*

