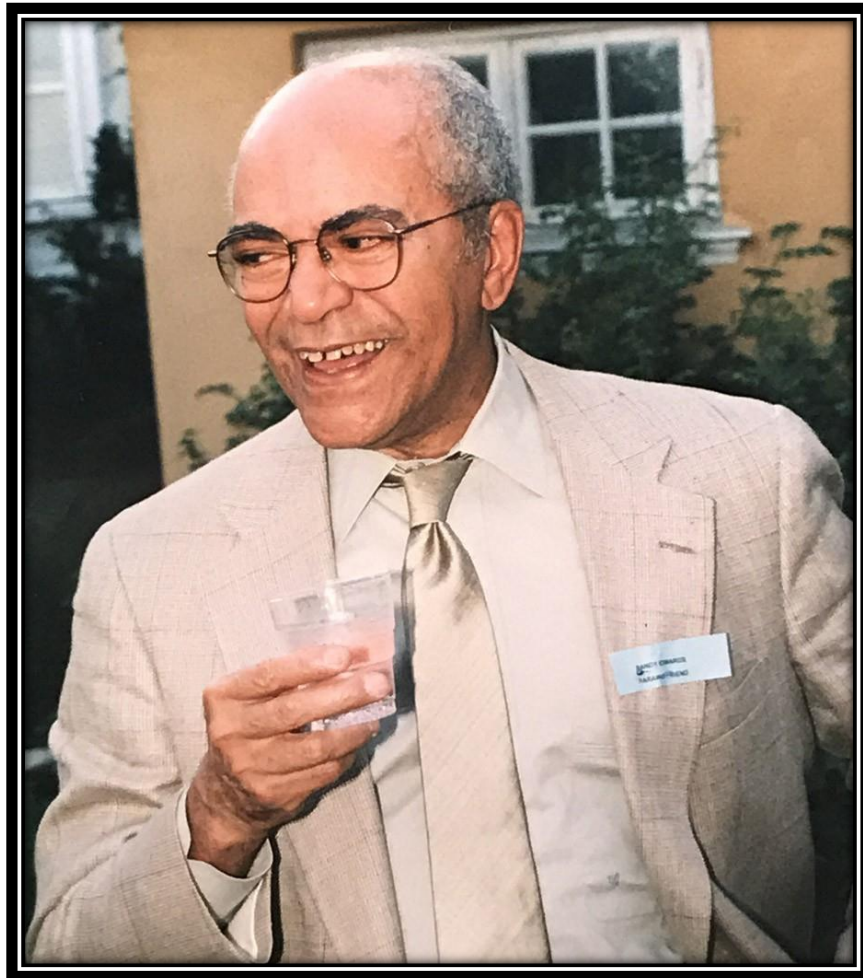


Celebration of Life

Randolph "Randy" Edwards

May 19, 1927 – August 22, 2017



*Service: Saturday, September 2, 2017, 12:00 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
2650 Parish View, Colorado Springs, CO. 80919*

Obituary

Randolph Edwards was born on May 19th, 1927 in New York City. He was the only child of doting mother Daphne and Emmanuel Edwards. He attended New York City public and parochial schools. Randy graduated at the age of 17 from Rhodes Preparatory School in 1945.

He dreamed of becoming a military pilot and, as a teenager his whole motivation in life was to join the United States Air Force, become a pilot and defend his country. As soon as Randy became 18, he enlisted, in fact he did not even wait to go to his graduation ceremony before signing up. He entered the Army Air Corps to begin pilot training as an Army Aviation Cadet at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, then joined class 46D of the Tuskegee Airmen and became one of the original members of this highly-decorated unit. World War II ended before he could complete his training and Randy was then assigned to the United States Air Force Reserve.

In 1946, Randy left New York for Los Angeles and attended the University of Southern California, and, also became an actor in the road company of the Broadway play, "Anna Lucasta." He toured the west coast of the United States. Randy returned to New York in 1947, where he attended Sampson College and Columbia University before being recalled to active duty on two occasions, serving 18 months during the Korean conflict. He served with the USAF and was assigned to the Air Police Squadron, Mitchell Field, NY, then to the Langley AFB, Virginia-Honor Guard.

Randy returned home in 1953 when he met Shirley, the love of his life. He and Shirley married the following year.

His work in law enforcement, began in 1954 with the New York State Police Highway Patrol for one year, followed by a commendable 27-year career with the New York City Police Department. This included assignments in the Communications Bureau, the Detective Division-Criminal Identification Unit, and Narcotics and Special Investigations Units. Upon his retirement in 1980, Randy did contract work for a German travel magazine, taking photographs throughout the U.S. and Europe. He and Shirley lived in Copenhagen for 2 years and then in Germany for 8 years before retiring in Colorado Springs in 1996.

Randy was the quintessential "Renaissance Man". His insatiable curiosity led him to pursue a wide variety of interests, that included photography, art, music, acting, and politics. He loved nature, and he and Shirley were known for going off the beaten path in their travels, always with the camera in the back of the car.

Randy is survived by his loving wife Shirley, sisters-in-law, Marcia Jameson and Diana Miller, half sister-in-law Josephine Williams, half brother-in-law George Miller, many loving nieces and nephews and life-long friends; Terry Carter, Beverly Lewis, Neville and Lorna Phillips. He is pre-deceased by his sister-in-law Marjorie Plummer, brother-in-law Walter Miller and life-long friend Roger Lewis.

Memorial Service

Officiant: Fr. Ken Przybyla

Liturgical Music Director: Kathy Husar

Gathering Song: On Eagle Wings

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Carol Lagatta

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 23 Kathy Husar

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-9 Carol Lagatta

Gospel Acclamation (Sung)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12A

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts: Song: Amazing Grace

Eucharistic Prayer: Holy, Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamation;
Great Amen, Lamb of God (Sung)

Communion: Song: Ave Maria

Reflections: Kim Jameson (Niece)

Col. Mark Dickerson-Pres. TAI Chapter-COS/Denver

Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Song of Farewell

Prayer of Commendation O Loving God

Recessional Soon and Very Soon

Luncheon in St. Francis Hall

