

## GOOD-BYE MY CHILDREN

Good-bye my children, I'm going home  
To my mother and father, I won't be alone  
Where the sky is blue and people run free  
Walk on by, but don't cry upon me

To a special place in a care-free land  
This glorious journey was God's only plan  
So remember my children  
Before you pick up the phone,  
I won't be there, I'm going home

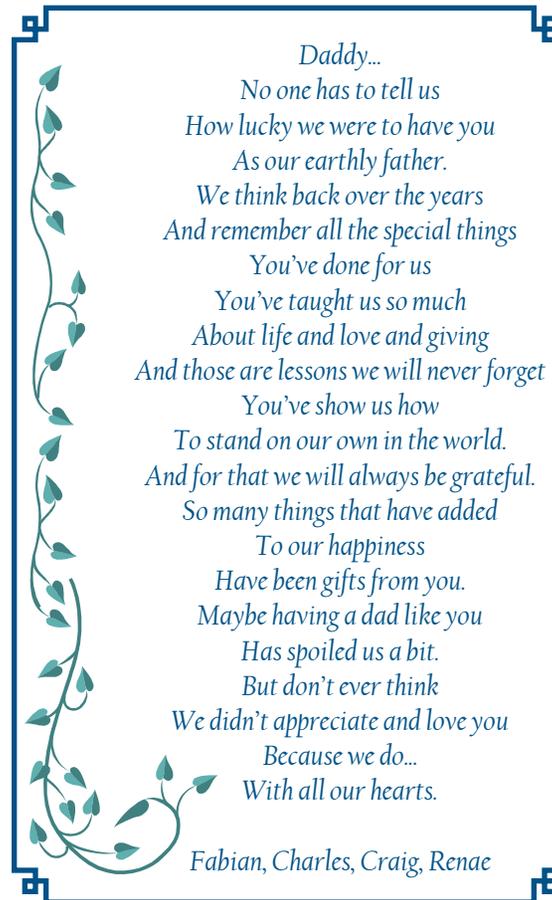
I forgot to tell you some time ago  
That I have another home in which to go  
Oh, but this home was not built by the hands of man,  
For it's not a part of this mortal land

It has golden streets and pillars like Rome  
And God the Almighty sits at the Throne  
He called my name just the other day  
And said Jacob, we must be on our way  
So good-bye my children, I'm going home

As I laid in bed, still and quiet, the angels came  
They drew my spirit, then drew my breath  
And I asked myself, could this be death?  
As I ascended into heaven the world disappears  
The first life is over and the eternal one nears

And to all of you whom I've left behind,  
I'm happy to say, it was just my time!  
So good-bye my children...I have gone home!

By JoAnn Billingsley Franklin



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

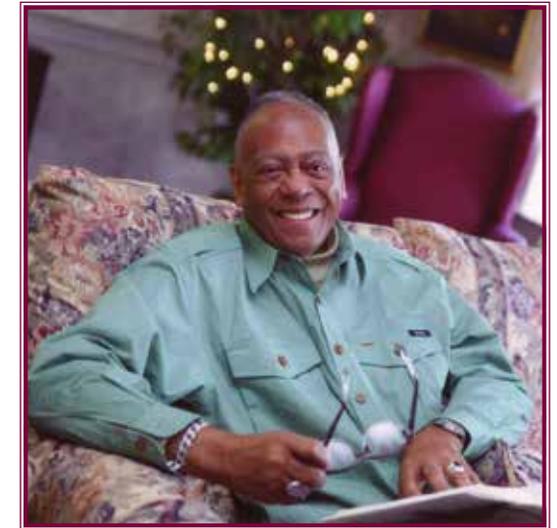
The family of Jacob B. Franklin expresses their heartfelt gratitude for your many expressions of kindness, loving prayers and comforting words. During this period of bereavement, the strength and support of each of you has been a blessing from God. Thank you very much.



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## Triumphant Entry



JACOB B. FRANKLIN  
SEPTEMBER 12, 1918 ~ APRIL 14, 2006



SON...  
BROTHER...  
HUSBAND...  
FATHER...  
GRANDFATHER...  
FRIEND...



## *Who Am I... Jacob B. Franklin*

Born September 12, 1918 in Front Royal, Virginia Warren County. Attained his primary and secondary education in the Steelton, Pennsylvania Public School System, graduating with the Class of 1938, a Commercial Student.

Served in the United States Army from February 6, 1941 until honorably discharged December 26, 1945. Holding all ranks and grades of an enlisted man status from Private First Class to Master Sergeant in the Medical Department as a Medical, Surgical and Sanitary Specialist and after two years, appointed Warrant Officer (JG) and then in six months, to Chief Warrant Officer in Charge of a battalion Medical Supply for the 93rd Infantry Division, during World War II with the Buffalo Soldiers, all in the span of four years, ten months and twenty-six days.

Upon being released from federal military duty, re-enlisted as a Second Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania State Guard as Transportation Officer and returned to his former employment with the Bethlehem Steel Company as a Metalkeeper, issuing "Hot" metal in the making of steel.

In 1946, Jacob enrolled in the H.E. Dolan College of Mortuary Science, an extension of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia; graduated and licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in 1950.

In 1949, enrolled in the Harrisburg Branch of the Thompson College of Business Administration, completed his studies in 1952 and attended Cleveland College of Forensic Pathology, Walter Reed College of Pathology Research and University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

In addition, he was an Associate Funeral Director at the Winfield Funeral Home from 1950 to 1952. He then was a Pathology Assistant at the former

Polyclinic Medical Center, Harrisburg from 1962 to 1976 and Supervisor of the former J.B. Franklin Funeral Home, Steelton. From 1977 to 1984, he was a Health Officer for Swatara Township.

From 1952 until 1992, owned and operated the J.B. Franklin Accounting Service, serving businesses and government agencies for over 34 years. In addition, Jacob followed the Medical Service careers of which he had become accredited and licensed.

He was the former Secretary-Treasurer of the Dauphin County Funeral Directors Association and a former Deputy Coroner for Dauphin County. In 1992, after over 55 years of work history and service to his community, Jacob retired.

Jacob was a member of Beulah Baptist Church, Enhaut, Paxton Lodge No. 16, F&AM, Steelton; Cyrene Lodge No. 169 Order of Elks, Bishop J.W. Shanahan General Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and a former member of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Enhaut.

He married Odessa Clore Franklin and from this union they were blessed with three sons, Fabian F. Franklin, Charles E. Franklin and Craig A. Franklin; one daughter, Renae L. Franklin-McGahee. Their family was further blessed with seven grandchildren, Laverne, Andrea, Kasha-Amour, Eric, Allen, Jacob and Kiara, and two step-granddaughters, Joi and Noel. Jacob was a loving brother to Estelle Fletcher.



### *Viewing:*

Wednesday, April 19, 2006  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

### *Funeral Services:*

Wednesday, April 19, 2006 ~ 12:00 noon  
Beulah Baptist Church  
Enhaut, Pennsylvania

### *Officiating:*

Rev. Dr. Leon X. Eichelberger

### *Interment:*

Churchville Cemetery  
Oberlin, Pennsylvania

*"I did it my way"...*

Through the Grace of God and the support of my wife Odessa and "Charley" Franklin