

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life has been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

Family Acknowledgement

*We wish to express our sincere appreciation
for all your love and support during our time of loss.
Thank you all for acts of kindness to our family.*

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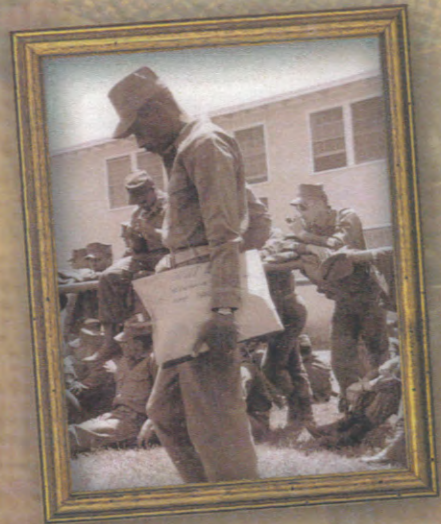
Egbert "Ed" Brady

APRIL 2, 1923 – MARCH 26, 2015



*a boy
became
a man...*

Egbert M. "Ed" Brady, U.S.M.C. retired, 91, of Vineland, NJ passed away on Thursday morning, March 26, 2015 at the Inspira Medical Center, Vineland, NJ. Ed was born in Kirkwood, Missouri. Being a career military man, Ed lived throughout the U.S. & overseas during his various assignments and duties. He settled in Vineland in 1972 after his military service where he remained an active member of his community. After graduating High School, Ed attended the University of Illinois as a pre-medical student. While a sophomore at the University he was drafted into the Marines at a time when segregation was the norm.



a husband

In 1942 Ed graduated from the Montford Point Marine Camp in North Carolina and became one of the first African American Marines in the Country. He served with distinction and pride serving the Country and the Corps before retiring in 1971. Mr. Brady received the Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Citation, Navy Marine Corps Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, American Theatre, WW II Victory Medal, Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. He engaged in active combat at Guadalcanal, Pelelieu, Okinawa, Korea and Vietnam where he served 3 tours in 1963, 1966 & 1969.



a provider

On June 27, 2012 Mr. Brady received the United States Congressional Gold Medal for his service as a Montford Point Marine. Ed was the oldest member of the Vineland Semper Marine Detachment, serving as Judge Advocate and Past Post Commandant. He also served as Junior Vice Commander of the American Legion Post #4.

