



# Celebrating the Life of



**Mark Hanna Jr.**

April 8, 1938 - November 9, 2025

**Service**

**December 20, 2025 at 5:00 pm**

North Stamford Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
2136 High Ridge Road  
Stamford, CT 06903

# In Memoriam

Mark Hanna Jr. peacefully entered eternal rest on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at the age of 87. Born on April 8, 1938 in Monroe, Louisiana to Mark Hanna and Della Anderson.

A native of Monroe, Louisiana, Mark served in the U.S. Military in 1957. After dedicated service, he moved to Norwalk, CT and served as an officer with the Norwalk Police Department. He changed career paths when he worked as an orderly at Norwalk Hospital and then obtained an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Respiratory Therapy in 1975. Through perseverance and strong work ethics, he worked his way up to earn a Master of Arts in Educational Media from Fairfield University and advanced to become a Respiratory Therapist. Mark was encouraged to take on a teaching position by the former and late Chief of the Respiratory Department at Norwalk Hospital, Mr. Larry Richmond. It was then he gained employment as an assistant professor at Westchester Community College while working simultaneously as a Respiratory Therapist at Greenwich Hospital. Mark was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from Westchester County in 1996, and a Certificate of Recognition from Veterans of America in 2020. He retired in 2016 after providing over 4 decades of devoted and exceptional service in the field of Health Science.

In 1972, Mark Hanna Jr. met Carolyn Elizabeth Towns (Tiny) and they were married August 30, 1974. From this union, two children were born, Delilah Hanna and Mark Hanna III. Mark and his family settled down in Greenwich, CT where he spent most of his time living a life of purpose. A true mentor and educator at heart, Mark devoted his life to his profession and education, leaving a legacy defined by the knowledge and unwavering support he imparted to countless students and colleagues.

He was preceded in death by his parents Mark Hanna and Della Anderson, two sisters, Clara Belle Elzy, Lottie Larrimore, and one brother, Ezell Mays, and granddaughter, Hanni R. Hollier-Smith. The memories he has made will be remembered by his wife Carolyn Hanna, two sons, Duane Hanna (Maria) and Mark Hanna III (Erika), five daughters, Gail Hanna, Regina Hollier, Odetta Hanna, Vicki Hanna, and Delilah Hanna, (10) grandchildren and (7) great grandchildren, brother-in-law, Andrew (Linda) Towns and sister-in-law, Denise (Kenneth) Avery, and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!" - Psalm 31:19 (KJV)

Musical Prelude.....	Joseph Twum
Processional.....	Clergy & Family Followed by Church Members/Friends
Invocation.....	Pastor M. C. Ulett
Opening Hymn <i>Hymn #30 "Take My Life and Let It Be"</i>	Twum's Family
Scripture Reading:	
Old Testament.....	Elder Daniel Belizaire
New Testament.....	Elder Neville Wynter
Musical Selection #1.....	Gwen Garnett
Special Tribute.....	Former Curriculum Chairman/ Professor Jose Quinones (Westchester Community College)
Open Tributes.....	3 people (2 minutes per person)
Family Tribute/History of Mark Hanna Selection #2.....	Delilah Hanna Twum's Family
Sermon.....	Pastor M. C. Ulett
Prayer of Comfort for the Family...	Elder Joseph Destin
Closing Hymn 446.....	Twum's Family
Closing Prayer.....	Pastor M. C. Ulett
Recessional.....	Joseph Twum

***Repass to follow immediately after the service downstairs in the church dining hall***

## **The Best Life Is Yet to Come**

**by**

**Carolyn Hanna**

Don't spend more time weeping and grieving deeply in your heart  
Because surely it will eventually just wear you down,  
Grab tightly onto Jesus always looking up and forward is a good start,  
For the glorious day we will receive from Him that promised golden crown,  
The frustrations of life are now over, severed, moreover permanently done,  
So don't bother pondering over the many questions of why,  
Just a daily dose of Jesus in prayer and in His precious Holy Word matches none,  
All questioning of the before and after will give us all assurance when we die,  
If you don't know let me tell you that death itself is not the final event,  
For the dead in Christ will rise to meet Him upon His unique return to this earth,  
That day will be a complete phenomenon unmatched by anything or anyone who  
dare otherwise present  
Because every eye shall see Him and every tongue confess,  
He is Lord was a promise of His birth,  
So what actually is death that we many times express fear,  
It's just a phase of life that most if not all will go through,  
The best of it all is to be with Christ in the heavenly home which that time is near.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Hanna family would like to express to all our sincere gratitude for the compassion and acts of kindness demonstrated at such a difficult time. All said and done has touched our hearts immensely establishing the path for healing.