

*The Ambassador,
Our Patriarch
and Noble Man*



Douglas J. Lambert, Sr.

December 14, 1919 - April 24, 2007

Entrepreneur, Community Leader and Civic Activist, Douglas J. Lambert Sr. passed from this earthly life into eternal life at the family homestead on Tuesday April 24th, 2007 surrounded by the love of his family but with his beloved wife Sadie by his side, as she has been for 67 years.

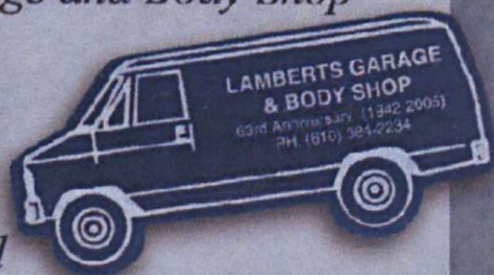


Douglas J. Lambert, Sr., was born on December 14, 1919 in Coatesville, Pennsylvania to the late Liza Jane Johnson Lambert.

His leadership ability, determination, and tenacity to overcome life's obstacles became apparent at an early age. At the age of thirteen, along with his brothers, he became orphaned. With his grandmother Annie Glasco, he helped raise two of his four brothers. While attending the Coatesville Area Schools he went to work to help take care of his brothers, and graduated in 1938 from the Coatesville High School.

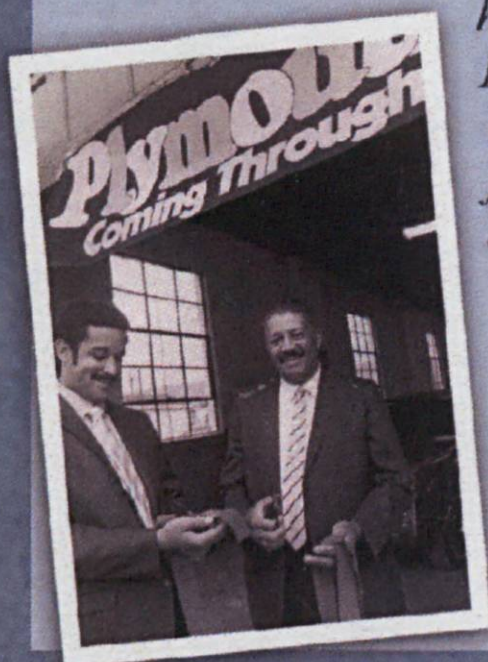
After graduation, he worked for two years at Robinson's Body Shop and then for two years at Luken's Steel Company. During the Depression in the 1930's, Douglas worked as a paper boy and ice boy. He helped build Eagle Road on the W.P.A program and worked on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

With a entrepreneurial spirit and a deep desire to "own his own business" Douglas opened Lambert's Garage and Body Shop on South First Avenue in 1942. In 1946, Douglas then operated a bus company from Coatesville to Claymont Steel Mill until the insurance was cancelled by the Interstate Commerce Commission. In 1949, he moved



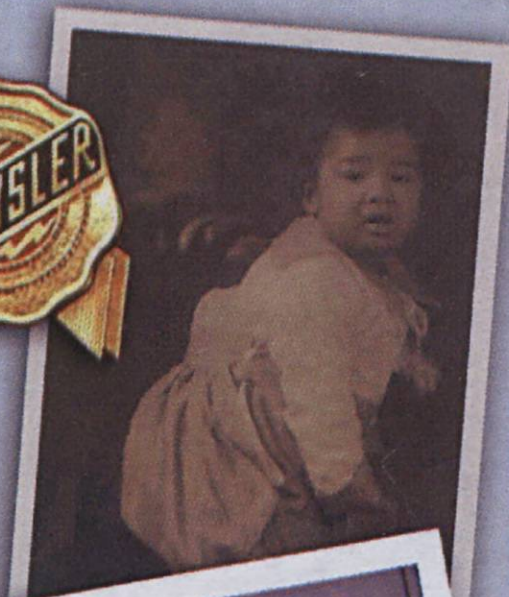
his business to South Strode Avenue. From 1950-1952, he also operated a body shop in Parkesburg. Along with the body shop from 1968-1973 he operated a gas station at 2949 E. Lincoln Highway.

In 1970, with his son Thomas, Douglas opened Lambert Chrysler- Plymouth, Inc., in Coatesville. Douglas moved his South Strode Avenue body shop adjacent to the dealership. Doug, Jr., also worked with his father and brother in the dealership



The Everlasting Light

*Those we love must someday pass beyond our present sight
And leave us and the world we know without their radiant light
But we know that light like a candle their lovely light will shine
To brighten up another place more perfect, more divine
And in the realm of Heaven where they shine so warm and bright
Our loved ones live forever more in God's eternal light.*





*We little knew that morning,
God was going to call you name.*

*In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

*You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.*

*And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same.*

*But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

My Father My Friend

Oh how I wish to be young again
To be held in your arms so tight
To erase my fears as day turned to night
You gave me guidance and so much more
I could always turn to you if I was confused or unsure
I know this is the beginning of your life and not the end
My Father My Friend

These days are the hardest I ever had to bare
How can I handle looking over my shoulder and not seeing you there
Maybe in time my body and soul will grow stronger
Right now the only comfort I have is that your suffering no longer
Daddy I cannot be selfish and want to hold you here
God gave you a long life with me now he wants you there
Still I can pray for the glorious day to come so we can be together again
This poem is for you My Father My Friend

*Love,
Jane*

for 2 years. After 22 years, in 1992, after many good years in the new and used auto business, Douglas and Thomas sold the oldest African American owned Chrysler- Plymouth dealership in the state of Pennsylvania. Although Douglas semi-retired, he never retired, cutting his hours back to just 30 hours a week.

In Douglas's early and active years he had numerous civic and professional community affiliations including; Lily of the Valley Lodge #69; IBPOE of the World; the NAACP; Atkinson Hospital Board of Managers, many years on the Valley township Planning Committee, a two year term on the Coatesville Area School Board "he was appointed by Albert Eastburn"; twelve years on the Coatesville Hospital Board of Managers "appointed by William Battinger"; Coatesville Vo-Tech School Craft Committee, President of Chester County New Car Dealers Association, YMCA Board of Directors, Founder & National Treasurer of Chrysler Corporation's Minority Dealers Association, Coatesville Rotary Club where he was one of the First African- American Coatesville Rotarians, and the first African American Coatesville Country Club Member and served on the Chester County Airport Authority Board.



Douglas has been the recipient of honors and awards by numerous organizations, including the Southeast Negro Business and Professional Women's Club and the Coatesville Professional Business Women's Club and the NAACP Coatesville Branch.

As a young boy Douglas was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Passtown. He continued to be a faithful supporter of the Education Committee. He believed in education and in

helping others. He was a humble man. He was a man who did not complain, always remembering from where God had brought him. A Glance at Douglas J. Lambert, Sr.'s life is a testimony that anyone with God in their life, and determination to succeed can make it.

Contributions in his memory can be made to the Education Committee of the First Baptist Church of Passtown, 117 Barber Avenue, Coatesville, PA, where a scholarship will be established in his memory.

DAD -
everything honest, constant, and strong

LAMBERT CHRYSLER PLYMOUTH

THE LAMBERT FAMILY is all involved in the family business now, a body shop and used car dealership on Strider Avenue in Chatterville and a Chrysler-Plymouth Dealership on Business Route 20 in Clarksville. Checking out one of their new models are (from left) Douglas Lambert Jr., Thomas Lambert Sr., and Douglas Lambert Jr., who started the original garage in 1961.

Order of Service

First Baptist Church of Passtown

117 Barber Avenue

Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Rev. Steven E. Crutchfield, Officiating

Monday, April 30, 2007, 11:00AM

Viewing: 8:00-11:00AM

Organ Prelude

Processional

The Final Viewing

Robert Newton-Davenport, Organist

Opening Hymn "We'll Understand By and By" Congregational Hymn

Invocation

Comfort from the Scriptures

Old Testament: 23rd Psalm

New Testament: 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Robert Scott Jones, Pastor

St. Paul's Baptist Church, West Chester, Pennsylvania

Solo

"The Lord's Prayer"

Charles Glasco

Expressions of Sympathy

Sister Veronica Rainer

Family Tributes

Thomas D. Lambert, Sr., Son & Business Partner

James Smith, Son-in-law

Robert J. Jackson, Grandson

William Cuff, Life long friend

Solo

"Peace in the Valley"

Brother Joseph Lewis,

Jr.

Obituary (Read Silently)

Organ Music

Words of Comfort

Rev. Harry Butcher

Solo

"I Won't Complain"

Rita Washington-Brown

Eulogy

Rev. Tyrone Carter, Pastor

2nd Presbyterian Church

Oxford, Pennsylvania

Recessional Hymn "Last Mile of the Way" Brother Joseph Lewis, Jr.

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Recessional

Interment

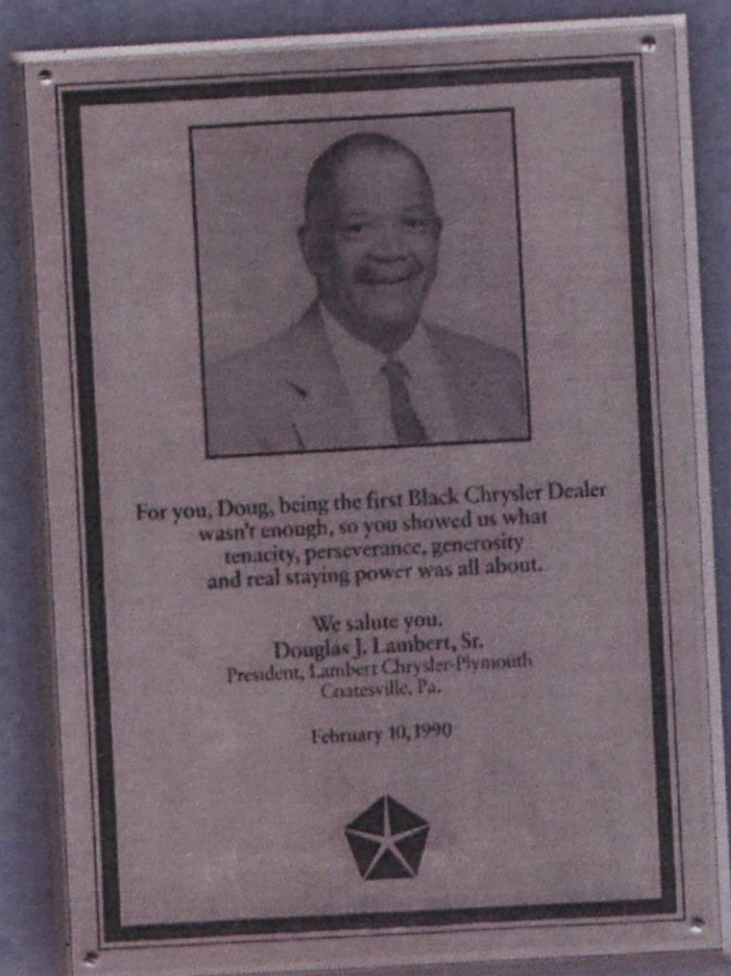
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For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.
Proverbs 23:7



Pallbearers

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 Gregory Glenn
 Wilson T. Lambert
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 Joel Lambert
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