

*Homecoming Celebration  
For*



*Erwin Pledger Jr.*

*Sunrise*  
*February 24, 1956*

*Sunset*  
*July 6, 2010*

*Service*

Saturday, July 17, 2010 - 12:00 p.m.

Family Hour: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**ST. LUKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

712 Bradley Avenue

Cambridge, Maryland 21613

*Reverend Yvonne Penn*

## Obituary

**Ervin Pledger Jr.**, son of the late Ervin and Alma Pledger, was born February 24, 1956 in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He departed this life on July 6, 2010 at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, New Jersey.

Ervin was educated in Elizabeth City at Annie E. Jones, and P.W. Moore Public Schools. In 1969 he trained to be a Navy Seal, and was Honorably Discharged January 1975. He joined the Police Academy at a young age.

His first job was with Formen Mills of Elizabeth City. He was a Truck Driver for Epstein Trucking, West End Express Trucking and for Steve Miele, all of New Jersey. Ervin was helpful and caring to others. He loved to fish, and fix on cars. He attended the Church of God In Christ in Elizabeth City, and moved to New Jersey at an early age, where he met Regina Pritchett in 1998. They became man and wife June 23, 2001.

Those left to treasure precious memories are: his devoted wife, Regina Pledger; step-son, Joel Washington; step-granddaughter, Jazlyn Washington; his loving sisters, Beulah Pledger of New York, Pastor Barbara Jean (William) Tyler of New Jersey, Evangelist Clarice (Alton) Combs, Linda (Louis) Bennett, Brenda (Vernon) Johnson and Carolyn Pledger Flowers all of Elizabeth City, North Carolina; one aunt, Mary Bonds; uncles, Lion Bonds of Elizabeth City and Eddie Bonds of Norfolk, Virginia; brothers-in-law, Theodore (Jackie) Cornish, Nolan (Shirley) Cornish, Arvell Cornish, Roy (Minnie) Tilghman, George (Gwendolyn) Tilghman, Irving (Delores) Tilghman, Radell (Helen) Harris and Anthony Tilghman; sisters-in-law, Edith Tilghman, Naomi Travers, Linna Manokey, Joan (James) Diggs and Marlene (Hilary) Rhock; step mother-in-law, Gertrude Stanley; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

## *Order of Service*

Officiating .....	Rev. Jerome Tilghman & Rev. Marlon Tilghman
Processional .....	Clergy and Family
Words of Wisdom .....	Rev. Marlon Tilghman
Opening Hymn .....	“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”
Prayer of Comfort .....	Rev. Marlon Tilghman
Scripture Readings .....	Rev. Jerome Tilghman
Old Testament -Psalms 27	
New Testament- I Corinthians 15: 50-58	
Selection .....	Evangelist Clarice Combs
Reading of Obituary & Acknowledgements .....	Mrs. Nona Lee Stanley
Selection .....	Choir
Words of Comfort (3 minutes) .....	Clergy
Reflections (3 minutes) .....	Friends and Family
Solo .....	Mr. Hilary Rhock Jr.
Eulogy .....	Rev. Jerome Tilghman Lewes Charge United Methodist Church Lewes, Delaware
Final Viewing .....	Perry Funeral Home Inc.
Closing Hymn .....	Choir
Benediction/ Recessional .....	Rev. Marlon Tilghman
Recessional	

***Interment***  
*Lane Cemetery*  
*Taylor Island, Maryland*

# *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgements*

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