



Sunrise March 12, 1947

Sunset December 15, 2011

ServiceThursday, December 22, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

# **FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

170 1st Avenue Huntington Station, New York

Pastor Lionel Smith, Officiating Rodger Anderson, Organist

<u>Obituary</u>

**Robert Lee Dale Westbrook** was born on March 12, 1947, in Orville, Alabama. He was the firstborn son to the late Percy and Delia Westbrook. Robert departed his earthly body on December 15, 2011, after a lengthy illness.

Robert, known as "Dale" relocated to New York in 1952 with his maternal family members. In 1957, his devoted mother, Delia and loving stepfather, Freddie Burnett purchased the family home in Wyandanch, NY. Robert graduated from Wyandanch High School in 1966. Upon graduation, Robert attended and graduated from Floral Design School in New York City. Robert's hobbies include floral design, painting and drawing. While he resided in the nursing facility during one of his many rehabilitation stays, he took a white sheet and painted his version of the Black Jesus, proving that physical and spiritual therapy are both needed elements of motivation and encouragement. Being adventurous, he also served in the United States Air Force where he received an honorable discharge. He worked several jobs and latest jobs were as a security officer.

Robert settled down when he met the love of his life, Desiree Fisher. They were married on April 19, 1989, and through this union three children were treasured and born, Derek, Robert Jr. and Lisa. Robert adored his children, strived to teach them morals and support them in all their endeavors.

Robert accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at a young age, and was baptized by the late Reverend Haywood, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bay Shore. When his family relocated to Wyandanch, having been raised in the fear and admonition of God, his membership was moved to First Baptist Church of Wyandanch in 1957 under the toolage of the late Reverend Moses Robinson. He served on the usher board, a member of the Sunday School and on the choir. He was never tired of doing work for the Lord and working out his own soul salvation. In later years, Robert moved his membership to the Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, located in West Hemptead where Apostle L. Haynes is the pastor.

Robert was preceded in death by his brother, Cecil, his beloved mother, Delia Burnett and Freddie Burnett, Sr.

Robert leaves to cherish his legacy and love to: his beloved wife, Desiree of Hempstead, NY; his children: two sons, Robert Jr. and Derek both of Hempstead, NY, one daughter, E. Lisa of Hempstead, NY; six grandchildren, Tatiana, Tamyra, Devon, Derek Jr., Dwight and Imani; six brothers and three sisters-in-law, Clarence (Sharon) of Wyandanch, NY, LeeRoy (Alice) of Fayetteville, GA, Freddie of Brentwood, NY, Karl of Salt Lake City, UT, Calvin (Monica) of Central Islip, NY and Samuel of Wyandanch, NY; two sisters, Debra of Columbus, OH and Delia-Lynn (Jimmie Lee) of Wyandanch, NY; two aunts, Earline Robinson of Huntington, NY and Ollie Brazil of Milwaukee, WI; two brothers, John Jackson of Bay Shore, NY and Henry Jackson Jr. of Milwaukee, WI; one great aunt, Ethel Drain of Saginaw, MI; three sisters-in law, Robin Hayden and Amanda Henderson both of Maryland and Leslie Fisher of Oceanside, NY; brothers-in-law, Raheem Raiford of Hempstead, NY, Raymond Durant of Virginia and Mark Fisher of New York.

Robert will always be remembered for his kindness, compassion, love of God and his family.



Presiding Official	Minister Timothy Flythe
Organ Prelude	Brother Rodger Anderson
Processional	Family & Clergy
Prayer of Comfort	Apostle L. Haynes Tabernacle Pentecostal Church • Hempstead, NY
Old Testament	Minister Heyward
New Testament	Minister A. Wilson
Congregational Hymn	"We Will Understand It Better By & By"
Reflections	Apostle Haynes Rev. Skinner Family & Friends
Solo	Sis. Mattie Cunningham
Acknowledgements & Obituary	
Selection	Sis. Browne & Sis. Wilson
Eulogy	Pastor Lionel Smith
One Last Glance	Bro. Gary Robinson Funeral Director

Recessional

<u>Interment</u> Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York

Friends are invited to join the family for a repast at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Crystal Room.

#### Message to Our Father

#### Dear Daddy,

I know you are not here with us physically but you are in spirit. Any man can be a father but it takes someone special like you to be a dad. You took care of your family the best way you knew how to. Even though we had our ups and downs you always stuck around. You were always understanding and patient with us. We could always depend on your love and support no matter what it was. You let us learn from our mistakes and for that we appreciate you. You have given us confidence that can't be measured. If we could give you anything in return it would be the special love we will always have in our hearts. We will not say goodbye, we will say see you soon and please be our guardian angel.

### Love you Daddy-papa, Lisa, Robert Jr. & Derek

#### **Pallbearers**

Clarence Westbrook Freddie Westbrook Samuel Burnett Alternate: Percy Greenwich

Lee Roy Westbrook Calvin Burnett Jimmy Lee Nunn

## Acknowledgement

The family of Robert L. Westbrook would like to thank everyone for your any and all acts of kindness and sympathy during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you today and always. Lovingly submitted,

The family

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