

Victory Celebration



Rev. Ronald R. Winley

Sunrise
December 14, 1940

Sunset
March 2, 2013

Services

Friday, March 15, 2013
7:00 p.m.

SOUL SAVING STATION CHURCH
302 West 124th Street
New York, NY
Bishop Robert I. Winley, Pastor

Obituary

Ronald R. Winley, the second of sixteen children born to the late Bishop Jesse and Maria Winley, was born in Harlem Hospital New York City, on December 14, 1940.

He attended the New York City School system. In 1949, the family moved to Buffalo, NY where he attended the local school system. In 1958 the family returned to Harlem, NY, where he attended Andrew Jackson H.S. and met his first love Roberta Balsam.

On September 7, 1962, Ronald and Roberta were married and from this union, Orisa Michele and Adesola Winley were born. Their marriage lasted thirteen years.

On June 5, 1982, Ronald met and married Diane Lacy until April 2004.

God gifted Ronald with many talents, he was a seeker, he was bold, compassionate, daring, adventurous and fearless. He became a Philosopher, Master Teacher, Community organizer, and an advocate for affordable housing. He was also an Artist and a Visionary. He accepted Jesus Christ and was saved at an early age.

Although he dropped out of high school, he studied and read extensively and was admitted to the University of Illinois at Champagne Urbana where he earned a Masters Degree in Urban Planning. Project 500 was the first extensive effort by the University of Illinois to offer equal educational opportunities. Spurred by the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., in 1968, students and community residents urged the university to enroll students traditionally underrepresented on campus. In 1967, only 372 of 30,400 students were black. In 1968, 565 newly admitted African American and Latino students entered the student body. The details of the project were poorly carried out, and miscommunication between students and the university bureaucracy led to a protest at the Illini Union on September 10, 1968 which resulted in the arrest of 240 black students. (Ronald was among those arrested).

He enrolled in the doctorate program at the Graduate Center of City University, but felt called by God to enter New York Theological Seminary where he received his Masters Degree in Divinity. He continued his education and was accepted in the doctorate program at Columbia University Teachers College where he finished all of his course work and was urged by his Professors to complete his dissertation.

Ronald was an outstanding teacher, reaching souls for Christ in a Christian-Based Ten-Step Program which he developed and used in the Soul Saving Station Drug Program as well as other churches. His personal encounters with Christ not only transformed him, but enabled him to bring others to know the Lord as Savior. His former students at the College of New Rochelle as well as the Certificate Program of New York Theological Seminary still speak of the impact he had on their lives.

Ronald's artistic gifts were realized in photography, music and the development of a successful floral, landscape and interior design business.

Ronald worked as a planning specialist in the Budget Department in the Mayor Koch Administration, where he created new building appraisal and interior model and other innovative projects. He was widely respected as a leader, and former Borough President Ruth Messinger selected him to be part of a prestigious group of Black Men to advise her and recommend policies to aid young black men. Many other elected officials sought after him, and benefited from his ideas and his activism.

Prior to being ordained there, he was a member of Riverside Church where he was active in Social Justice causes led by the Rev. Dr. James Forbes. After his ordination at Riverside he was called to be the Pastor of the Church of the Evangel in Brooklyn, NY. Under his leadership, the church co-sponsored a Mission Project to the Dominican Republic bringing Doctors and Medical supplies to aid the suffering Haitians living on the border between the two countries. This experience re-kindled a childhood dream of his (Ronald and his wife Roberta visited Haiti in 1965) inspired by his father's development of an Orphanage in Haiti in the 1960's.

Recognizing that being fluent in Spanish allowed him to do Mission work for the poor Haitians in the Dominican Republic, he left the United States in 2003 and worked tirelessly, overcoming many obstacles.

He departed this life suddenly on Saturday, March 2, 2013 in the Dominican Republic.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his children, Orisa Czaszynski and Adesola Winley; son-in-law, Chris Czaszynski; daughter-in-law, Joyce Winley; two grandchildren, Miles and Zoe; four sisters, Audrey, Gloria, Charlene and Frederica; seven brothers, Robert, David, Jesse, Jeffrey, Gregory, Stephen and Samuel; aunts, uncles; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Master of Ceremonies.....Rev. Maurice Winley

Invocation.....Deacon John Banks

Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Evangelist Phyllis Perry

New Testament.....Rev. Jayroe Thomas

Remarks

Reflections.....The Family

Selection.....Creative Arts Ministry

Under the direction of Rev. David Sterling

Cards and Condolences.....Evangelist Dawn Heyward

Obituary.....Dr. Charlene D. Winley

Selection

Eulogy.....Bishop Robert I. Winley

Pastor, Soul Saving Station Headquarters

Funeral Director.....Unity Funeral Chapels

Recessional

Final Disposition
Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

Only What You Do For Christ Will Last

*You may build great cathedrals large or small,
You can build skyscrapers grand and tall,
You may conquer all failures of the past,
But only what you do for Christ will last.*

*You may seek earthly power and fame,
The world might be impressed by
your great name, Soon the glories
of this life will all be past,
But only what you do for Christ will last.
Though your armies may control each
hemisphere, And your orbits
out in space cause men to cheer,
Your scientific knowledge may be vast,
But only what you do for Christ will last.*

*Though your song and prayers are heard and
praised by man, They've no meaning unless
you've been born again, Sinner, heed these
words, don't let this harvest pass.*

For only what you do for Christ will last.

*Remember only what you do for Christ will last.
Remember only what you do for Christ will last;
Only what you do for Him will be counted in the
end; Only what you do for Christ will last!*

(Written by Raymond Rasberry)

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 day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I 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!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.



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