

In Loving Memory Of



Deacon
Alfred W. L. Payne Jr.

Sunrise
December 7th 1938

Sunset
May 4th 2013

Obituary

Alfred W. L. Payne Jr. was born December 7th, 1938 to Alfred W. L. Payne Sr. and Annie L. Payne in Bronx, NY. He was the younger of two children following his older sister, Beatrice O. Henry, who preceded him in death in July, 2004. Alfred was a product of the New York City Public School system. He attended Commerce High School where he studied music and played varsity basketball for three years. During his time there Alfred excelled in sports and enjoyed his musical instruction. His father wanted him to sing opera. His most memorable moment was the studying the musical play “The Student Prince” and song presentation of “I Will Walk with God” performed by Marie Lanza in 1954. He became a lover of Jazz music.

Upon graduation, still guided by his parents influence, he went on to college to further his studies. Majoring in Physical Education with minor interest in Petroleum Engineering, he continued to play basketball until he injured his knee during a game. Shortly afterwards Alfred joined the United States Army enlisting with the infantry as a heavy weapons specialist. During this time Alfred continued to express his love of the game of basketball through playing and upon completion of his tour served in the reserves before being honorably discharged from the service in October of 1965.

Later in his adult life, Alfred was a blessed and proud father of several children, Annetta, Kenneth, Rahsaan, Anthony and Alfred III. He was a passionate man, expecting much of them as he guided them toward adulthood. During these years in his walk with the Lord, he became an employee of the Sunshine Biscuit Company of New York and New Jersey. Poking fun at himself, he adopted the nickname “The Sunshine Flour Man”. He then moved on to be employed with the Ideal Toy Company of New York before embarking on his career with the Metropolitan Transit Authority. He began as a porter with the Brooklyn Rail Division B.M.T. line, and progressed in his career becoming a bus driver. He began his driving career as a driver out of the Jackie Gleason (Ralph Cramden) depot of Brooklyn, NY and later moved on to the Jamaica Bus Depot where he settled and finished his career as a bus driver working his shift “The 9 on the 5” as a regular operator of the Q5 bus in Southern Queens, NY. While employed with the MTA, he continued to play basketball while befriending a multitude of people along the way.

Later in life, with prayer and careful deliberation, Alfred furthered his walk with the Lord becoming a member of the Diaconate Board of Majority Baptist Church in April of 2000. In the fall of 2000 he met his beloved wife, Cassandra Payne who he married in August of 2005. During this union he showed his loving care and concern for Arnetha, A.J., Abbey and Casey.

Alfred is survived by: Annetta, Kenneth, Arnetha, A.J., Rahsaan, Anthony, Alfred, Casey and Abbey; daughters-in-law, Judy, Asia, Angela and Jamillah; brother-in-law, Thomas M. Henry Sr.; grandchildren, Tereasa, Jennifer, Langston, Bryant, Tamar, Michael, Alfred IV, Samirh and Anthony Jr. Jaedyn; nephew, Thomas M. Henry Jr.; grand nieces, Carlissa and Ashley Ann Henry, and a multitude of uncles, aunts, cousins, great grandchildren and friends.

Done in Jesus’ joy knowing whatever you want, whatever you need – God’s got it!
And we know that he has you...

Service

Saturday, May 11, 2013- 11:00 a.m.

Majority Baptist Church

115-21 Farmers Blvd. • St. Albans, NY 11429

Rev. Darryl Frazier, Pastor

Worship Services

- Processional Onward Christian Soldier
- Invocation Only Believe
- Musical Selection Stephanie Perry
- Scripture Reading: Old Testament
- Scripture Reading: New Testament
- Musical Selection Charles R. Thurton & Kwame C. Clarke
- Acknowledgements:..... Majority Baptist Church Family
Family: Samirh Payne
- Obituary
- Solo Brother Oliver Mendenhall
- Eulogy Rev. Darryl Frazier
- Final Expressions
- Committal Interment Prayer

Monday, May 13th 2013 Processional: 9:00 A.M.

Interment: Calverton National Cemetery

210 Princeton Blvd. Calverton, NY 11933

Committal: Rev. Renee Smith

Repat: Haynes-Sparrow Fellowship Hall

Life

Life is but a stopping place
A pause in what's to be
A resting place along the road
To sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to stay,
Our destination is a place
For greater than we know,
For some the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank and acknowledge the many expressions of love and kindness shown to them during their time of sorrow.

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