Celebration of the Life of

Sunrise August 30, 1937

Sunset June 24, 2013

Nathaniel Stewart

<u>Service</u> Sunday, June 30, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH CHURCH OF CHRIST, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST 7 West 128 Street • New York, NY 10027

Elder Dr. Sheila H. Gilliams, Pastor

<u>Obituary</u>

XATHANIEL OFTEWART, the second of seven children, was born on August 30, 1937 in Jacksonville, Florida to the late Willie and Maude Stewart. He entered eternal rest on Monday, June 24, 2013 at 5:53 p.m. with Grace, his faithful and loving wife of 54 years, at his side. God blessed this union with two lovely children, Natal LaMont Stewart and Janeen E. Stewart. Natal preceded his father in death.

Nathaniel grew up in Jacksonville, Florida and graduated from Long Branch Elementary School and Matthew W. Gilbert High School. He was a joy to his family, friends, and fellow students. As a source of constant entertainment; he could burst into singing at a moment's notice, often creating the words as he sang. His brothers and sisters could only watch with wonderment and admiration as his persuasive and melodious voice would soften his Mother and "*spare him from many punishments*." In addition to singing, Nathaniel's favorite pass time was eating. And wow could he eat!

He will be remembered for his love for his family and friends, his kind and caring spirit, his sensitivity toward others, and his humor. He enjoyed people...whether it was his chums at the corner pizza shop where he lived, friends he grew up with in Jacksonville or his Shiloh Church family and friends. His greatest fan, his 99 year old Aunt, Mary Elizabeth Porter, loved to joke with him and hear him sing. Despite all of the attention, he did not take himself too seriously. He was witty and fun, and simply a joy to be around. When he was around, there was always laughter.

Nathaniel had many skills, although he never boasted about them. Few knew that he served in the United States Marine Corps. After his rough and tumble boot camp at Paris Island, South Carolina, he was transferred to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. From there, he was assigned to Okinawa, Japan in the Pacific Ocean. It was in Kinston, North Carolina that he met and married his wife Mrs. Grace Stewart.

In the year of 1959 the couple migrated to the City of New York. Nathaniel found employment with Elco Solvents where he was a truck driver, and retired from that company after twenty-six years. He was a faithful member of Shiloh Church of Christ Disciples of Christ, where he not only learned the love of Christ but the love of people who would become dear friends. Special friends included, the Drake, Lennon, Mitchell and Jones families; and of course the Everett family.

After twenty-five years of marriage, in 1984, Bro. Nathaniel and his loving bride, Sis. Grace renewed their wedding vows right here at Shiloh Church of Christ. Their radiant daughter, Janeen, was the bride's maid and their handsome son, Natal was the best man; Elder John H. Gray was the officiating Minister.

Bro. Stewart sang with the Male Chorus and served as president for many years. Everyone looked forward to the 5th Sunday when the Male Chorus marched in with Brother Stewart leading, "*It Ain't No Use*." He was best known for his signature song "*How Great Thou Art*." The church would be on their feet with praise and worship. He was a member and former president of the Gospel Chorus, and a member of the Sunday School Department. He was loved through-out the diocese.

Nathaniel was deeply devoted to his family and friends. He leaves to cherish those memories: his loving wife Grace Stewart, his loving daughter, Janeen E. Stewart; two brothers, Willie Joseph Stewart and Attorney Gerald Stewart (Betty), of Jacksonville, Florida; one sister, Vernell Elizabeth Stewart Britton (Ambassador Theodore R.) of Avondale Estates, GA, his aunt, Mary Elizabeth Porter; sisters-in-law, Beverly Martin (Milton), Loretta Croom, Christine Carter, brother-in-law Eliphaz "Mikel" Holzendorf, nieces and nephews; Divinia Arnao (Joe) Desmond Stewart, Damien Stewart (Tiffany), Denisha Stewart, Sabrina and Melanie Stewart, Teron Stewart Williams; Kenneth Carter (Keisha), Adrienne Collins (Brad), Lauren Evans (Peter); God daughters, Amber Lennon and Egypt Evans, a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends....Humbly submitted, with love and deep appreciation, *The Stamily*.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:51 Organ Prelude Bro. Jonathan Gray Processional Invocation Elder Leroy Spencer Hymnal Combined Choirs of Shiloh Scripture Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-6, 10 New Testament - Revelation 21.1-7 Selection "Beams of Heaven" Combined Choirs Acknowledgement of Cards and Condolences Sis. Amber Lennon, God daughter Family Reflections Vernell Britton, Sister, Kenneth Carter, Nephew and Tony Boben Church Reflections .. Mothers Board, Deacon Board, and Daniel Gray (The Brotherhood) The Obituary Sis. Delores Sessoms Benediction

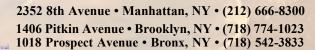
Parting View

<u>Interment</u>

Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York God called your name so softly that only you could hear and no one heard the footsteps of angels drawing near. St broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You're always close beside us, in everything we do, you were our greatest treasure, God's gift to us was you. We will always remember that way you looked, the way you talked and smiled, the little things you said and did to make our lives worthwhile. Each time we look at your picture, you seem to smile and say, don't be sad but courage take and love each other for my sake. Sust a prayer from the family to you, just a memory fond and true, in our hearts you will stay forever because we thought the world of you.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Bro. Nathaniel Stewart, deeply appreciate your love in action shown to us during this period of bereavement.Know that your acts of kindness have not gone unnoticed by us nor by God Almighty. It is our unceasing prayer that your blessings will be multiplied and your life will be full of God's grace.



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