

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



EARL SYDNEY DESILVIA

Sunrise

April 5, 1933

Sunset

December 11, 2013

Service

Friday, December 20, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

GREATER REFUGE TEMPLE

2081 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. • New York, NY

Bishop Charles Wright, Sr., Pastor

Bishop William Wilkins, Jr., Officiating

OBITUARY

Earl Sydney DeSilvia, was born April 5, 1933 in Harlem, New York. He departed this life on December 11, 2013. He was born to the late Sydney Earl DeSilvia and Mamie DeSilvia.

Earl received his formal education in Harlem, New York. He attended Haaren High School. Earl enlisted in the Army in 1951 and received an honorable discharge in 1954 as a Corporal. During basic training he excelled in infantry activities and became an expert in weapons training. He also was stationed in Germany, and became fluent in 7 different languages.

At the age of 11 after Bible Studies at Refuge Temple, his mother Mamie and Pastor Lawson tarried in prayer with Earl at which time he received the Holy Ghost. As time went on, Pastor Lawson observed Earl and said, "He Must Preach." In 1956, he became an ordained minister. He was a Pastor at Church of God In Christ in Brooklyn, NY for many years. In addition, Earl learned how to play the piano by ear. He played for many churches throughout the Tri-State Area.

In 1971, Earl wedded Claudette T. DeSilvia. This union brought about Xavier, Cachaun, Step-daughter, Bridgette Pierre and Sage who had been deceased since 1974.

Earl held several jobs. He was a radio host in Mississippi, WWRL, WLIR, WHBI, and also was featured on Leola Brown record, "Never Turn Back." Plus, he was featured in Patricia's My Time video, "Could You Be Loved". He was an Auxiliary Cop for several years in Manhattan. Also, he worked for Chase Bank on Wall Street which was formally called Chemical Bank for 29 years.

He was an all-around athlete and former member of the Salem-Crescent Boxing Club of Harlem and was in the Golden Gloves. He had a love for basketball making 25 points a game. He was very competitive and played in tournaments. For several years, Earl coached basketball at Madison Square Garden, Boys and Girls Club at Beach 40th Street. He encouraged the children in the neighborhood to do good. He was involved in improving the recreational facilities for the children and at his request, improvements were made thru the community board.

In his later years, Earl continued to Minister in the Tri State Area. He served as a Chaplain in St. John's Episcopal Hospital and Peninsula Hospital in Far Rockaway, NY. He loved the Lord and fulfilled his assignment to the end. He was known for his favorite quotes" It's Hear", "Weeping May Endure for a Night but Joy Comes in the Morning"

"Auf Wiedersehen"

Leave to Cherish his memories: Sons: Victor, Ellis, David, Xavier, and Cachaun. Step-daughter: Bridgette Pierre. Grandchildren: Aleah, Shanrae, Victor II, Catrina, David Jr., N'FINITY, AAliyah, Jaden, Maureen, Armani and Jhlisa. Great Grandchildren: Daqwon, Jahari.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Interlude

Processional of the Family

Choir Selection

Prayer of Comfort

Old Testament Scripture Readings

New Testament Scripture Readings

Reflections from the Family

Acknowledgements/Cards

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Bishop Charles Wright, Sr.

Final Viewing

Recessional of the Family

Clergy

Benediction

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

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



*He taught me to be strong and to
get a better handle on the vigor's
of today's world.*

Your Loving Son, Cachaun

*Dad taught me to continue on
under all circumstances to handle
my day to day business and stand
strong as a Man in all situations.
In which led me to become the
loving caring son I am today!*

Your Loving Son, Xavier



My dad my Strength to Carry on:

One thing I can say about my dad that I loved is his ability to make you believe something that you would not have even thought was possible. Just because he believed it. His level of spirituality and musicianship was on another planet. I enjoyed the time I spent with him and the time I spent talking to him, learning more about myself, as I learned about my dad. I will always have a special part of him in me because God is my light and dad showed me how to let that light shine through me and help enlighten and enhance others, to bring out the best in them. Thank you dad. I love you and I know you are still here with me to help make my path True...

Your Loving Son, David

My dad helped me to be a real man, to be a father and husband, to be steadfast unmovable and weather any storm. (The Master) Pops.

Your Loving Son, Victor

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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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