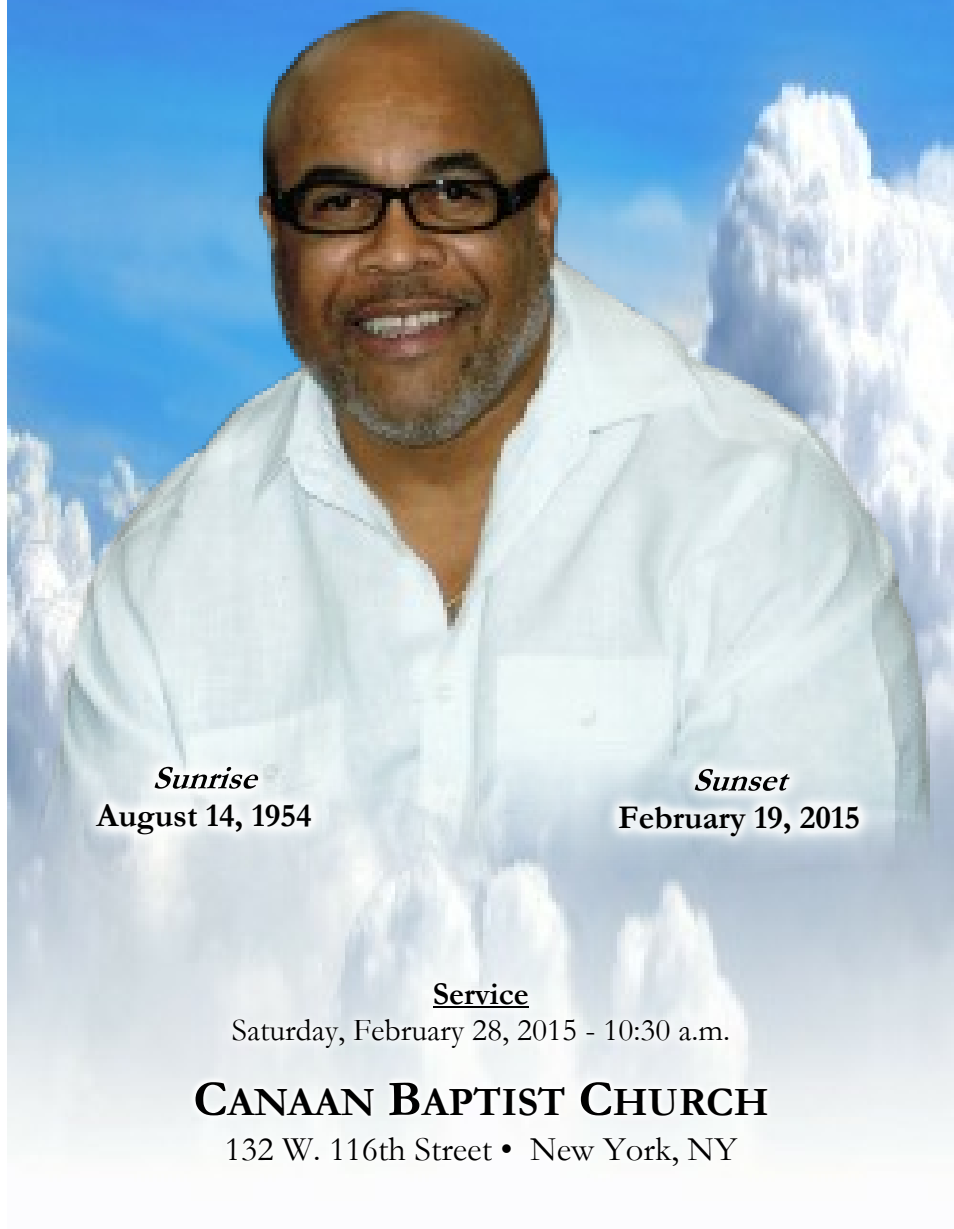


In Loving Memory of

Michael T. Potter



Sunrise

August 14, 1954

Sunset

February 19, 2015

Service

Saturday, February 28, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

132 W. 116th Street • New York, NY

Obituary

On the morning of February 19, 2015, **Michael Tyrone Potter** passed away at home in Suffolk, Virginia with his wife at his side. He is now resting in eternal peace with God.

Michael Tyrone Potter was born on August 14, 1954 in Jamaica Queens, New York, to Barbara (Carter) Potter and the late John Potter. To cherish his memory Michael leaves behind his wife, Pamela Potter, daughter, Melissa Potter and step daughter, Deandra Jefferies. Michael leaves to mourn four brothers: Kenneth, Donald (Linda), John, Ralph (Brenda); three sisters: Patricia (Rufus) Parsley, Deborah, Olivia (Troy) Campbell and one brother, Raymond who preceded him in death; and a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Michael was born and raised in the South Jamaica housing projects, also known as the "40" projects. He attended P.S.160 Elementary School, Jr. High School I.S. 8 and Jamaica High School before attending Queens Borough Community College, where he earned his Associates Degree. While at Jamaica High, "Potter" was known to have one of the best two-handed Jump-shots in the city. But he would admit to Pamela that his brother, Ralph and life-long best friend, Rob were better shooters; his brother, Donald would disagree with them all. Michael doted on his sisters; carrying Patricia on his back because of her fear of worms, cracking jokes with Deborah "Fats" and spoiling Olivia "Pinky" rotten.

Michael was blessed with one Daughter, Melissa, whom he truly cherished. He raised her to be a good human being and especially kindhearted. He was a generous and present father in every aspect of her life. His wish was for her to want for nothing.

Michael was baptized as a young boy at Bethel Tabernacle Church in Queens New York. Mike believed in Jehovah God and the living son Jesus Christ. He was a spiritual man; prayerful and obedient. His life reflected God's love, mercy and favor.

After college Mike worked for the U.S. Postal Service for several years. But that job was too mundane for Mike. He moved on and became a Youth Division Aide at the Bronx State Hospital. That was the first job that truly fit his true character as a protector, mentor, leader and friend. While Mike was known as a loyal and hard-working Y.D.A. he still wanted more. Mike finally got the Job of his dreams on November 9, 1983 when he was hired as a New York State Court Officer. Michael was affectionately known as the "casual captain" a nickname he inherited not because he disliked his uniform, but because he was the kind of guy who preferred to be unassuming, approachable and reliable. Mike was ambitious and eager to learn, studying every aspect of the job. He rose through the ranks moving quickly from Court Officer to Part Captain then to Sergeant and lastly Night Court Captain. Captain Potter is credited for drafting the original Judicial Protection Protocol which was later adapted city-wide. Michael retired on August 15, 2009 after 30 years of dedicated service.

Michael's greatest gift was his ability to give of himself to anyone who was in need without judgment. In that small frame was a fierce protector and advocate for the voiceless. If he said he had your back it was a guarantee. Mike loved life and tried new and different things. He could take a good old card game with friends anytime. But if there was one thing he could do every day it would be to find some water and "throw a line out."

Though Mike's heart in the end failed, he never did; not as a man, a friend, a father, or husband. He loved many and was loved by so many in return. So remember his smile and hold on to the memories till you see him again.

Order of Service

Processional

Final Viewing

Opening Hymn..... “Blessed Assurance”

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament: Romans 8:38-39

Selection “I Stand On Your Word” Jeremiah Massaquoi

Prayer of Comfort..... Patricia Potter

Words of Comfort..... 2 minutes please

Resolution..... Lady Suzette Crichlow

Selection

Obituary and Poem..... Maria Davis

Eulogy..... Bishop M. Philip Crichlow
Pastor of the East Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Recessional

Interment

Mt. Rest Cemetery

Butler, New Jersey



The Makings Of You

Add a little sugar, honeysuckle
And a great big expression of happiness
Boy, you couldn't miss
With a dozen roses
Such will astound you
The joy of children laughing around you
These are the makings of you
It is true, the makings of you
The righteous way to go
Little one would know
Or believe if I told them so
You're second to none
The love of all mankind
Should reflect some sign
Of these words I've tried to recite
They're close but not quite
Almost impossible to do
Reciting the makings of you

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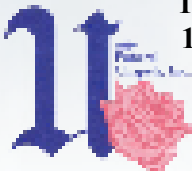
The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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