

Celebration of Life
for
David R. Newell, Sr.

Sunrise
July 14, 1939

Sunset
December 5, 2019



Thursday, December 12, 2019
Viewing 9:00 am – 10:00 am
Service 10:00 am

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH
112-42 Springfield Blvd., Queens, NY 11429
Pastor A'Kim Beecham, Officiating

Obituary

David Rayfield Newell was born on July 14, 1939 in Littleton, North Carolina to the parents of Quincy Newell and St. Clair McDowell.

He was a member of the South Street Baptist Church and attended McIver High School in Littleton, North Carolina where he met his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Elizabeth Bernadette Johnson. They got married in their teens in Emporia, Virginia on March 18, 1960 and left that very day to move to New York to begin their new life in the “big city.” Three children were born of this union, David Jr., Venessa and Dan and they lovingly adopted son Mateen Kemet.

Upon his arrival to New York, David worked for several companies and in various positions at the garment district. He was a valued and dedicated employee at the Hospital for Special Surgery where he served as Supervisor of the Maintenance Department and at New York Hospital where he served as an Elevator Attendant and later retired.

David was a man who loved and adored his family. He was a devoted and loving husband of 59 years to Elizabeth and a wonderful father to his children. He was deeply committed to serving his church and community. He and his wife were members of Maranatha Baptist Church for over 40 years where he dedicated his life and happily served as a Deacon on the Deacon Board. He was a Godly man who was committed to attending Bible Study every Tuesday night and was eager to learn the word of God. He was an excellent cook who excelled in southern style cooking. He enjoyed cooking for the “fish fry” events held at his church and would look forward to participating in every event until he was limited by his illness. Those fish sandwiches he made were awesome!

While he was a man of few words, he had a humble soul, with a grateful heart and a gentle spirit underneath his tough exterior. God blessed him with a heart to serve and to teach. He did not hold a doctorate’s degree, but he had the ability to teach his family many lessons and gladly solved most of the issues that were presented to him. He enjoyed going on fishing trips. He was the master at checkers and was still able to maintain his title by beating his kids and grandkids at the game shortly before his passing.

He leaves to mourn and to cherish his memory children David Newell Jr. and his wife Katrina Newell; Venessa and her husband Millard Allen, Dan and his wife Davita and Mateen Kemet. His legacy also includes: 11 grandchildren: Eboni and her husband Christopher Floyd, Elizabeth, Armendi and husband Rodney Harris, Quincy, Diara, Hillary, Kiana, Naja, Velyncia, Sovereign and Xavier; 6 great grandchildren: Jordan, Christopher, Nia, Eden, Prince and Zuri.

David also leaves to mourn, his sister Addie Pearl Lewis, (siblings who preceded him in death were the late Allen Watson, Clara M. Newell and Mary Louise Newell); Nieces: Roslyn Goodrich, Deborah Patterson, Pattie Spruill, and Annie Boone-Wright; Nephews: Michael Boone, and Wayne Goodrich and a huge host of grand, great nieces, and nephews, cousins, and extended family and friends. There will never be another like David Ray Newell, he will be truly missed, and his memory and love will remain in the hearts of his family and friends forever.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Maranatha Choir

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament - John 14:1-4 Addie Pearl Lewis (Sister)

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection..... Choir

Reflections (Family) 2 Mins. Each

Acknowledgements Deaconess V. B. Greene

Church Resolution..... Deaconess V. B. Greene

Reading of the Obituary..... Naja Newell (Granddaughter)

Solo Choir

Eulogy Rev. Akim K. Beecham, Pastor

Musical Selection Choir

Benediction..... Rev. Akim K. Beecham, Pastor

Recessional

Interment
Pinelawn Cemetery
Farmingdale, New York

Daddy

With each passing day the memories
of you in our hearts will stay.

You were a gift and an angel on earth,
and now elevated as an angel in heaven.

To have had you as our father was truly a blessing,
we will always love and honor your lessons and until we meet again,
we will keep on pressing.

Thank you daddy for your love – from your Children

Acknowledgements

We the family of **David Rayfield Newell**, wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for every act of kindness, love and expression of sympathy during the loss of our loved one. Your love and prayers have strengthened us.

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