Celebrating the
Life and
Honoring the
Memory
of



Sunrise: June 21, 1940 Sunset: May 7, 2020

SERVICE:

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020

Viewing: 2:00pm - 4:00pm Funeral Service 4:00pm

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Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Musical Prelude

Officiate

Prayer of Comfort

Congregational Hymn

Scripture Reading
Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Reflections

Obituary & Acknowledgement of Condolences

Congregational Hymn

Eulogy

Benediction



Obituary

Arthur Lee Freeman was born on June 21, 1940 to the late John Freeman and Henrietta Walker Freeman in Langley, South Carolina. He had three brothers, John Jr., Thomas and Willard, and five sisters, Mattie, Julia, Irene, Jennell and Annie.

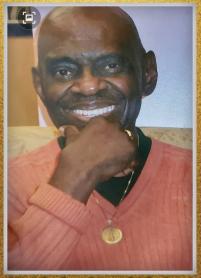
The family relocated to Jersey City, New Jersey when Arthur was a teenager. Arthur later moved to Harlem, New York where he joined Christian Tabernacle in Harlem, pastored by Archbishop William Morris O'Neill. There he became involved in the choir, church administration and was mentored in Ministry. He began singing with the Isaac Douglas Singers in 1968, starting his career as a professional gospel singer. In 1970, he co-founded the New York Community Choir with Bennie Diggs, Isaac Douglas and Wilbur Johnson, which became an integral part of the development of contemporary Gospel music. Additionally, he was a prolific songwriter whose songs were recorded by Nancy Wilson, Sylvester, Times Square Choir and many more. He remained involved in music ministry throughout his life, serving the music ministries of First Tabernacle of Deliverance, Times Square Church and Bethel Gospel Assembly.

Mr. Arthur Freeman graduated from Adelphi University with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Welfare. He also had certification in computer programming, child care services and as a health aide. He was a Social Worker who specialized in caring for the physical and psychological well being of the families and individuals he worked with.

As he continued his Christian journey, Arthur Freeman became a member of Bethel Gospel Assembly, Inc. in December 2008 under the leadership of Bishop Carlton T. Brown. He was a faithful member and was active in the Seniors With A Purpose ministry and attending the Noon Day Prayer Service. His melodious voice could be heard when called upon to render a solo or just sitting in the congregation. Always impeccably dressed, he had a smile and an encouraging word to everyone he came in contact with.

He is survived by his sister Annie Myrt Frasier and a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren and "chosen family." Arthur's spirit touched everyone he encountered—whether that was in person or through music which went around the world. He never hesitated to listen, encourage and uplift others, reminding us to "make every day count." Arthur left a mark on all of our lives and will never be forgotten. You are forever in our hearts!

<mark>This Is Where I Leave You</mark> By Arthur Freeman



This is where I leave you. One more thing before I go. Think of the last time we laughed. They were and are no more. This is where I leave you. One last thing before I go. Remember that true love lasts forever.

When it's cherished and adored. This is where I leave you. One last thing before I go. I'm only just a thought away. But don't let me fill your day. This is where I leave you. One last

thing before I go. Life doesn't stop because I'm gone. Miss me but don't grieve too long. This is where I leave you. One last thing before I go. I would not come back if I could. All things are working for my good.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Arthur Lee Freeman would like to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone for all their expression of love and sympathy extended to them during their time of bereavement.

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