

# Don't

Don't spend too much time in mourning;  
Tears are for the sad.  
I left to be with Jesus and  
This should make you glad.  
Don't waste your hours in grieving;  
No need to feel distressed  
I'm tired of life's frustrations  
And had to get some rest.  
Don't vex yourself with questions  
Or try to reason why.  
Life here for me has ended;  
It came my time to go and be with the Lords.  
Don't lose the love I gave you.  
Feed it with your care.  
Grow it with devotion and  
Spread it everywhere.  
Don't fret because my leaving  
Came in such a way.  
We'll have another meeting in  
God's eternal day.


## Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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*Isaiah 40:1 ... Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.*

  
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## *Celebrating the Life, Love & Legacy Of*



*Deacon Robert F. Sears, Sr.*  
October 28, 1934 - August 1, 2020

*Service*  
Friday August 21, 2020  
10 O'clock in the Morning

**Friendly Baptist Church**  
962 Ogden Avenue – Bronx, New York  
*Reverend Albert O.L. Sutton, Sr., Pastor*  
*Reverend Albert O.L. Sutton, Jr., Co-Pastor*  
Brother Eugene Tolbert, Musician

# *Tributes*

We cherish the time we had together and you  
will always be in our heart. So, dear brother-  
in-law go on and take your rest,  
we love you but God loves you best.

***The In-Laws***

I am unsure which pain is worse. The shock  
of what happened or the ache of what will  
never be.

***Love your Daughter, Dollinda***

We will cherish the memories we have  
together. May your soul rest in eternal peace  
... Until we meet again

***Love your Grandchildren***

## ***The Uncle That Brought Joy to Our Lives***

Uncle Robert was very special to us. We  
knew when he came into town, there would  
be lots of loud laughter and fun. Uncle  
Robert's laughter was so loud he would  
cover his own ears! There was never a dull  
moment with him until it was time for him to  
return to New York. New York was his home,  
but his heart was in New Orleans. He was the  
last surviving child of Thomas and Julius  
Sears and we will greatly miss him.

***Love, The family in New Orleans***



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The Processional...The Clergy, Officers & Family

The Organ Prelude.....Bro. Eugene Tolbert

Presiding.....Rev. Albert Sutton, Jr.

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”

#### The Scripture

Old Testament: Psalm 23:1-6

New Testament: I Thessalonian 4:14-17

Prayer of Comfort.....Min. Renee Lewis

Selection.....The Male Chorus

#### ***The Acknowledgement of Cards & Condolences***

#### ***The Obituary***

#### ***The Church Resolution***

#### ***The Selection***

The Reflections..... **Two Minutes PLEASE!**

The Solo.....Bro. Eric Jackson

The Eulogy.....Pastor Albert O.L. Sutton, Sr.

The Last Glance..The P.A. Morris Funeral Chapel

The Benediction.....Pastor Albert O. L. Sutton, Sr.

The Recessional....The Clergy, Officers & Family

#### ***The Interment***

Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, NY

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**Robert Franklin Sears Sr.** was born October 28, 1934 in New Orleans, LA to the late Thomas and Julia Sears. He was called home to be with the LORD at 8:57 AM on Saturday August 1, 2020 at the age of 85. Robert was one of 10 children all of whom preceded him in death.

Robert received his formative education in New Orleans. He was drafted into the US army in 1957 and served his country until he was Honorably Discharged.

Robert worked in a paint-varnish and lacquer factory for many years until he was forced to leave because of injuries caused by a car accident. Later he was employed by the Friendly Baptist Church Daycare where he worked faithfully and diligently for several years before retiring.

Robert became a member of the Friendly Baptist Church where he testified to his faith and belief in Jesus Christ as his Personal Savior by saying out loud and with conviction, “All Power” when something was said about Jesus’ Power. Robert was well known and loved by the church family and many in the community. He met the love of his life in the Friendly Baptist Church and they were married on June 2, 1984. To this union no children were born. He loved his family and there was nothing he would not do for them.

Robert was active in the church being a member of the Senior Choir, the Male Chorus, the Men's Day Choir, Senior Usher Board, the Tract Ministry, Sunday School Teacher, the Board of Trustees and the Deacon Board where he was appointed Chair of the Board serving for many years after Deacon James Ziegler retired. He was also active in supporting all the Ministries of the Friendly Baptist Church.

Robert was a professional boxer for many years. He was also

active in the Community as a member of the Highbridge Senior Center, the New York Parks Department and the Community Action for Safe Apartments (CASA). On January 19, 2005, Robert received a Certificate of Merit from the Honorable Adolfo Carrion, Jr., President of the Borough of The Bronx for his valuable contribution in the Community. Robert would lend a helping hand when & where needed.

Robert, known to some as “Hoppie” leaves to Cherish his memories & those who will dearly miss him: his wife Mary J Sears (Bronx NY); three sons: Rahim Muhammad (Gracie) Forest Park GA, Ronald Sears, Washington DC & Robert (Bobby) T. Sears (Rebecca) Sumter SC; one daughter Dollinda Daye (Oliver) Philadelphia, PA; 1 sister-in-law Rosa Smalls (Jersey City); 12 Grandchildren; 9 great grands; 6 God-children; one spiritual daughter Teresa Jones; three dear friends of the family: Nate Gadsden, Ralph Nelson and Carlos Costa as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

