Celebration of Life For Elder Clarence Cooley Sessoms, Jr.

Alpha October 15, 1961

Omega March 2, 2021

Services
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Viewing: 3PM to 5PM
Services: 5PM to 7PM

St. Samuel Cathedral Church of God in Christ

2922-2930 Valentine, Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458
Supt. Amos F. Kemper, III - Senior Pastor
Pastor Leon A. Miller, Eulogist

Easter Memorial Church of God in Christ

Order of Service

Master of Ceremony Minister Leon Reid, Sr
Organ Prelude
Processional
Congregational Hymn "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"
Old Testament: Psalm 100 Elder Ronnie Jackson, Sr
New Testament: Romans 10:6-13 Deacon Jonas Jackson
Prayer of Comfort Elder Allen Manning
SoloBrother Donald Leito
Remarks from Visiting Clergy
Reflections from Family and Friends Minutes Please
Acknowledgement of Cards, Resolutions Evang. Sheria Stallings
Obituary Sister Gigi Jackson
Sermonic Solo Sister Sofia Cumberbatch
EulogyElder Leon Miller, Pastor Easter Memorial COGIC, Bronx, NY
Last Glance Patricia A. Morris Funeral Chapels
Benediction
Recessional

<u>Interment</u>

Spring Hope Memorial Cemetery Spring Hope, NC

<u>Obituary</u>

Clarence Cooley Sessoms Jr. was born on October 15, 1961 in Middlesex, NC. He was born to the late Cooley Sessoms Sr. and Ruby Mae Sessoms. Clarence peacefully transitioned to his eternal rest with God at his residence in the Bronx, New York on March 2, 2021.

Clarence attended Nash County Public schools and graduated from Southern Nash Senior High School in 1980. Following graduation, he went on to serve in the United States Air Force. After honorably serving his country, he decided to remain in New York and entered the workforce, where he functioned in many different roles. He retired in 2018 after 28 years of faithful service as a Mechanic with Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local Union #28.

Clarence dedicated his life to the Lord at an early age and was a member of Greater Saint Bethel in Middlesex, NC until he relocated to New York. Clarence continued to serve the Lord faithfully after his relocation and went on to answer the call on his life. He became an ordained Minister at Powerhouse St. Luke COGIC under Pastor Phil Johnson. He later went on to serve at St. Samuel Cathedral COGIC under Superintendent Amos F. Kemper III in New York until he took his final rest on March 2, 2021.

Clarence was very family oriented and had a never-ending love for his wife, children, grandchildren, family, and friends. Clarence loved to crack jokes over a good meal, all while running his mouth, in which we all know he loved to do. He also loved fishing, fixing cars, traveling, and having family time where he was the loudest and funniest person in the room.

Clarence married the love of his life, Mabel LeSane-Sessoms on August 22, 1992. With this union a beautifully blended family was established consisting of 7 children, 22 grandchildren, and 5 greatgrandchildren (including 2 that are on the way).

Clarence was preceded in death by his father, Cooley Sessoms Sr.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his beloved wife of 28 years, Mabel LeSane-Sessoms of the Bronx, NY, his beloved mother, Ruby Mae Sessoms of Spring Hope, NC; 5 sons, Warren LeSane of Queens, NY, Dwayne Wilkins of Raleigh, NC, Sergeant First Class Tyrene LeSane of Brooklyn, NY, Clarence (Annabelle) Sessoms III of Brooklyn, NY, Queston (Maria) Sessoms of the Bronx, NY; 2 daughters, Elisha Sessoms of Lawrenceville, GA, Tamillia (Juan) Taylor of Wilson, NC; 4 brothers, Douglas (Karen) Sessoms of Newport News, VA, Michael Sessoms of Cary, NC, Randy (Veronica) Sessoms of MD, Lorenza Sessoms of Middlesex, NC; 4 sisters, Betty Ruth Johnson (aka Alice Mae) of Spring Hope, NC, Vernice (Terry) Canady of Rocky Mount, NC, Teresa Sessoms of Middlesex, NC, Patricia (Sam) Sessoms of Middlesex, NC; 22 grandchildren, Karon (Christiana) Webb of Wilson, NC, Khalaeb Richardson of Raleigh, NC, Dae'One Wilkins, Greenville, SC, Makayla Wilkins all of Spring Hope, NC, Samiah Wilkins of Winston Salem, NC, Shallah Wilkins of Scotland Neck, NC, Jeremiah Wilkins of Raleigh, NC, Tylyn LeSane and Abel LeSane both of Brooklyn, NY, Ja'ir Taylor, Aminah Taylor, Elijah Taylor all of Wilson, NC, Jayden Sessoms & Ella Sessoms all of Bronx, NY, D'or Colin Segon-Sessoms of Bronx, NY, Emani LeSane of Knightdale, NC, Summer LeSane, Paris LeSane, Isaiah LeSane, Angelina LeSane, Mason LeSane, Aaliyah LeSane all of Queens, NY; 3 great-grandchildren Nylah Roberts of Raleigh, NC, Christian Webb of Wilson, NC, Londyn LeSane of Knightdale, NC and 2 great grandchildren on the way, brothers-in-law: Lindberg LeSane and Alfonso LeSane, both of the Bronx, NY, 2 sisters-in-law: Shirley LeSane of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Martha (Michael) John of Wake Forest, NC. One adopted brother, Alton "Mudbone" Thomas of the Bronx, NY; one adopted son Eddie Morrison of New York, NY; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, other close relatives, and many, many friends.

Dear Daddy,

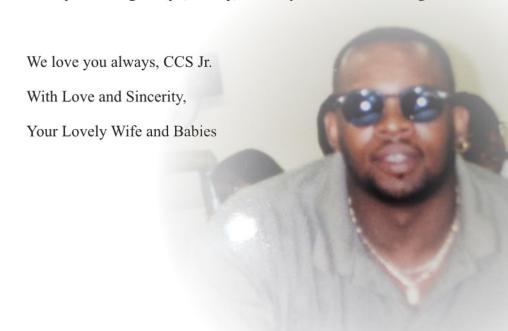
March 2, 2021 you answered your final call and gained your wings. We had no time to say goodbye or "I love you" just one more time. Even though you have been preparing us for this very moment, when that moment came, we were not ready. Time seems to have stopped and has left us all wishing we can turn the hands of time. It cannot be that our SUPERMAN IS GONE!

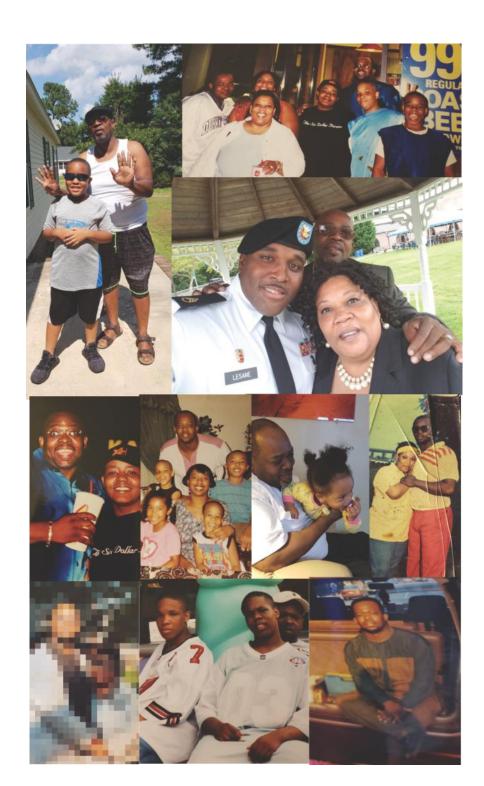
You have always reminded us that when trials and tribulations come, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and help one another do the same so that we can move forward. Every step seems harder and harder, but we know with each and every step your love will guide us along the way.

You taught us through hard work we shall never go hungry, with love we shall never be alone, and with faith we can handle anything in life.

So, Daddy we say thank you for the many laughs, tough love, advice, pep talks, prayers, and unconditional love that you gave us freely without reservation.

Today it is not goodbye, Daddy, it is only "Until We Meet Again."







To My Family & Friends from Clarence ...

As I Sit in Heaven

As I sit in Heaven and watch you every day, I try and let you know with signs I never went away. I hear you when you're laughing.

And I watch you as you sleep. I even place my arm around you, to calm you as you weep. I see you wish the days away begging to have me home. So I try and send you signs so you know you're not alone.

Don't feel guilty that you have life ... life that was denied to me.

Heaven is truly beautiful just you wait and see! So, live your life, laugh again ... enjoy yourself. Be free then I'll know with each breath you take you'll be taking one for me.

Acknowledgement

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