

Celebrating the Life of



William Louis Battle, Sr.

Sunrise
April 18, 1953

Sunset
April 29, 2021

Saturday, May 22, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Sampson Funeral Service, Inc.

2601 Pitkin Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11206

Elder Leonard E. Battle ~ Eulogist

Obituary

William Louis Battle, Sr. was born on April 18, 1953 in Rocky Mount, NC to the late Louis E. Battle and Mary L. Battle. He departed this life on April 29, 2021. William's parents migrated to New York City in 1963 and over the years the family lived in various communities such as East Elmhurst, East Harlem, the Bronx and ultimately the Corona neighborhood of Queens.

During his early childhood years in NC, William especially loved playing outdoors with his cousins (The Stevenson Boys) and friends. However, his favorite cousin was Bernard and those two were an inseparable pair. They were very creative and used to make horses out of old broom sticks or small trees they cut down in the woods. They also played marbles, rode bikes and got into mischief which resulted in some unwanted discipline.

William was educated in the Rocky Mount and NYC Public School Systems. As a young teen in NYC, he enjoyed playing basketball and was also a member of a neighborhood Steel Band team.

On June 26, 1971 William married Claudia Craig; and they were the parents to three children, William Louis Battle, Jr., Latisha Gail Battle and Tawana Michelle Craig.

William enlisted in the US Army in 1973, where he served for ten years until he was honorably discharged from the military. While in the service, William specialized in technical communications and would often share with his younger brother how the work he did was integral to many of the military's field activities. It was also during his time in the military that William made a public confession of faith in Christ and accepted Him as his Lord and Savior. After serving this nation and returning to civilian life he began working in the field of transportation where he drove commercial trucks and buses. His CB handle was "Master". William just loved the freedom of being on the open road.

He was a member of Pilgrim Church in Brooklyn, NY, under the leadership of the late Archbishop Roy E. Brown. He was employed there for a few years and utilized his technical skills in the audio/visual ministry and he also drove buses.

William leaves to cherish his memory his three children, William Louis Battle, Jr., Latisha Gail Battle and Tawana Michelle Craig all of PA. Eight grandchildren El-isha, William III, Matthew, Michaela, Aariona, Leilah, Kayla and Jahmair. Three siblings, Patricia Battle of NJ, Leonard Battle (Williene) of NJ and Karen Dabney (Wayne) of PA. Lillian Mitchell (God-sister) and Douglas Freemon (God-brother); and his life-long friend Claudia Battle. Also, a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, friends, co-workers and neighbors.

Order of Service

Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Psalm 91..... Sydney Dabney

New Testament – I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Kayla Nelson

Prayer of Comfort Minister Darrell Bennett, Jr.

Musical Selection “Hear My Prayer”

By Callie Day

Reflections (2 minutes per speaker, limited to 2 or 3 speakers)

Musical Selection “Victory Belongs to Jesus”

By Todd Dulaney

The Eulogy Elder Leonard E. Battle

The Benediction



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!
-author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **William Louis Battle, Sr.** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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