

*A Celebration of Life  
for*

*Roy Anthony Stevens*

Sunset  
July 15, 2021

Saturday, July 31, 2021  
Family Visitation: 10:30 am  
A Celebration of Life Service: 11:00 am

**SHILOH PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

139 Davenport Street  
Somerville, NJ 08876

*Deacon Doyal Siddell, Officiant*  
*First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens*  
*Rev. Dr. Danielle L. Brown, Eulogist*  
*Cathedral International*

# Obituary

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you; will uphold you with my right hand  
Isaiah 41:10*

Roy Anthony Stevens quietly transitioned to eternal life on Thursday, July 15, 2021. Roy, a twin, was born on May 18, 1941 to the late Roy Alva Stevens and the late Ivy Maude Brissett Stevens in Kingston, Jamaica.



Tony, as he was affectionately called, was educated in the Jamaican school system and graduated from Kingston College. Roy and his family immigrated to the United States and took up residence in Brooklyn, New York. After becoming a naturalized citizen, Tony enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1965 where his tour of duty included being stationed in New Mexico. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1969 and then served in the Air Force Reserves from 1969 through 1971.

Tony was a highly motivated self-starter who valued the potential opportunities which could be earned by insight, intuition and hard work. He matriculated at Fordham University in NYC where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing and a Master of Business Administration Degree (MBA). While employed at AT&T he also earned a Law Degree from The Rutgers School of Law in Newark, NJ. Tony was employed at AT&T Corporate Headquarters in NYC and in New Jersey. He worked in the Engineering and Legal Departments. After 29 years of dedicated service, he retired from AT&T and established The Law Office of Roy A. Stevens in 1991, in Bridgewater, NJ. His areas of concentration were Criminal Defense, Family Law, and Residential and Commercial Real Estate Law. Through his diligence and work efforts, he was selected as the 2005 "Super Lawyer" which was published in the New Jersey Monthly Magazine. Tony was a member of the American Bar Association, The National Bar Association (National Black Bar), Garden State Bar Association (New Jersey Black Bar) and the Somerset County Bar Association. Tony served in the State of NJ Office of the Public Defender in Somerset County where he enjoyed advocating for the disadvantaged.

Tony united in holy matrimony to Dian Allen in 1993. Tony and Dian were like-minded soul mates. They believed in serving the community and worked in partnership to advance the need for awareness and solutions to long standing social issues. They became active members of Mount Zion AME Church in New Brunswick, NJ where Tony served as the President of the CDC and was a member of the Trustee Board. After 15 years of loyal and dedicated service, they joined The First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, NJ where he was active in the Men's Ministry.



Tony believed in God, family, love, partnership, donating his time, talent and services, and the possibilities of a better world for the many hearts he touched in his community. His loving presence will be missed.

Those left to lovingly cherish his memory include his dedicated loving wife, Dian; 2 sisters, Jean Stevens of Lynnwood, NY and Ruth Stevens Duncker (Phillip) of Glassboro, NJ; twin brother Ronald Stevens Sr. of the Bronx, NY; 2 sisters-in-law, Sonia Allen Battey (Earl Battey-deceased) of Ocala, Florida, and Wanda Teresa Hampton (Edwin Wadkins) of Gaithersburg, Maryland; brother-in-law Rodney Edward Owen of Miami, Florida and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and devoted friends.

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.  
Anyone who believes in me  
will live, even after dying.  
Everyone who lives in me and believes  
in me will never ever die"  
John 11:25-26*



# Order of Service

Deacon Doyal Siddell, Officiant  
First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens

Musical Prelude.....Processional

Hymn of Comfort... “Amazing Grace”.....Congregation

Holy Scriptures

Old Testament- Psalm 23.....Darren Battey, Nephew

New Testament- II Timothy 4:6-8.....Adrian Owen, Nephew

Prayer of Comfort.....Darcia O’Brien

Solo..... “If I can help somebody”.....Lenore Davis

Condolences/Acknowledgements.....Darice Toon

Remarks.....Ruth Stevens Duncker, Sister  
Jabreel Hampton, Nephew

Nat Gatlin  
First Baptist, Church Friend and AT&T, Co-worker

Robert Barnett  
Mt. Zion AME and First Baptist, Church Friend

Atty. Tony Mignella  
Retired NJ State Public Defender  
Public Defender Office

Obituary (Read Silently).....Precious Lord.....Soft Music

Expressions of Appreciation .....Nadine Rosemond

Solo..... “God Is”.....Lenore Davis

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Danielle Brown

Recessional Hymn

Interment  
Chestnut Cemetery  
Ocala, Florida



# Going Home

Go rest now precious one,  
Your life in eternity has just begun.  
Now you can walk, your legs are brand new.  
All of heaven is now in your view.

Look all around, it's all in your sight,  
There will never be another dark night.  
Flowers and jewels, the street of pure gold,  
And all of the things that we have been told.

I can just imagine the smile on your face  
As you walk around in that beautiful place.  
Greeting our loved ones as you walk along,  
While singing heaven's most beautiful song.

This is so very hard, but it will be okay,  
This isn't goodbye, we'll see you one day.  
We love you and we'll miss you and  
at times it will be tough,  
But as with everything,  
God's grace will be enough.

## Pallbearers

Ronald Stevens, Jr.  
Michael Owen

Adrian Owen  
Jabreel Hampton

Jareel Hampton

## Honorary Pallbearers

Ronald Stevens, Sr.  
Dr. Lemuel Clark  
Edwin Wadkins

Rodney Owen  
James Kendrick  
Dr. James Clark

# Acknowledgement

The family of the late Roy Anthony Stevens wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. We would especially like to thank the staff at Sea View Rehabilitation Center, Staten Island, NY, for the excellent care provided during his illness. May God bless each of you.

Dian Stevens & Family

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