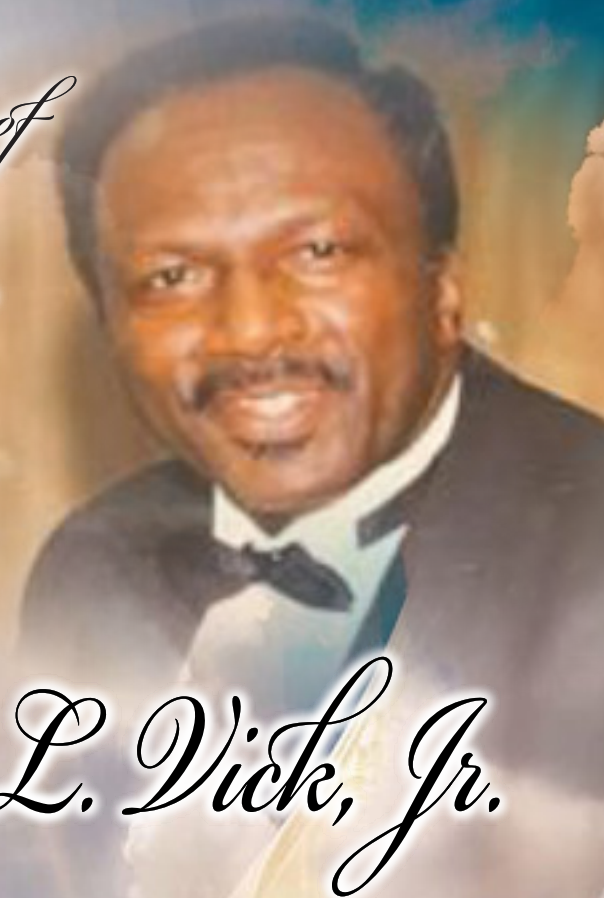


Celebration of



Life For



Curtis L. Vick, Jr.

JULY 28, 1945 – JANUARY 2, 2022



FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022 - 11:00AM

Emmanuel Church of Christ

54 Irvine Turner Blvd. • Newark, New Jersey 07103

Pastor, District Elder Perry Gillespie, Sr.

Suffragan Bishop Otis Grayson, Officiating

ORDER OF SERVICE

Master of Ceremony.....Suffragan Bishop Otis Grayson
Organ Prelude.....Deacon Ernest Hall
Processional
Prayer of Comfort.....District Elder Leon Kornegay
Reading of Old Testament.....Bro. Michael Green
Reading of New Testament..... Elder Michael Lane
Musical Selection..... Emmanuel Church Ensemble
Reflections (2 min. please)Family & Friends
Musical Selection.....Emmanuel Church Ensemble
Acknowledgements/Obituary.....Sis. Margaret Searcy
Soloist.....Sis. Shirley Hall
Eulogy.....District Elder Perry Gillespie, Sr.
Pastor of Emmanuel Church of Christ
Benediction & Recessional.....Pastor Perry Gillespie, Sr.

INTERMENT

Hollywood Memorial Park & Cemetery
1500 Stuyvesant Ave.
Union, NJ 07083

OBITUARY

Curtis Lorenzo Vick, Jr was born on July 28, 1945, in Middlesex, NC to the late Curtis and Marie Vick, Sr. His parents had three boys and two girls. Curtis was the oldest of his siblings. Growing up his time was split between attending school and working on the farm. He attended South Nash Elementary and Spaulding High School. His mom's faith in God was strong and she wanted her children to develop their own relationship with God. As a family, they faithfully attended St. Bethel United Holy Church in their hometown of Middlesex, NC.

After Curtis graduated from high school he migrated to New York where his Uncle Ulysses resided. His uncle helped him to secure a job in construction. He worked for Seaco Construction. Curtis helped to build the Hilton Hotel at Penn Station in downtown Newark, NJ. He also helped to build the new College Hospital on Bergen Street in Newark, NJ. College Hospital is now known as University Hospital. Curtis also used his skills in construction to assist members of his church with their construction needs as well.

Curtis changed careers when work in construction slowed down. During this time, he opened his own fish market on the corner of High Street (now called Muhammad Ali Blvd) and West Kinney Street. It was through this fish market that he offered employment to a few of the young men of his church. He also began his career in truck driving. He drove trucks for Suffragan Bishop Otis Grayson, Goodman Trucking, Pascap, and Beacon Trucking. Curtis partnered with his friend Deacon Gillis Harrison and became his own boss of a trucking company.

In 1973, Curtis was baptized in Jesus name at Grace Apostolic Church of Christ in East Orange, NJ. He received the gift of the Holy Ghost in Sept. 1973. On June 1, 1974, he married Brenda Smiley. They blended their families which consists of six children. Just like his mom did with him and his siblings, Curtis ensured that his children attended church as well. He was a faithful member of Emmanuel Church of Christ. He was a deacon, usher, and Sunday School teacher.

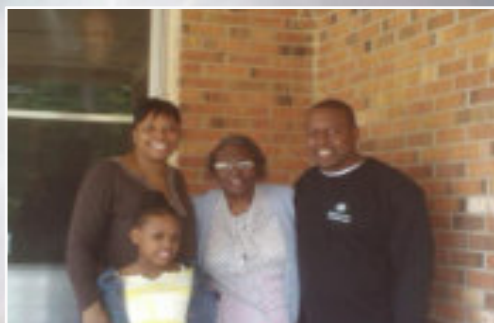
He also drove the church van on Sunday mornings to pick up church members. Curtis was a member of a gospel singing group at Emmanuel Church of Christ. The group was called “The Sons of Thunder”. The members were Bro. Grayson, Bro. Harrison, Bro. Vick, Bro. Kemp and Bro. Stewart. Curtis sang and played lead guitar.

On January 2, 2022, Curtis departed this life at his home. He was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Marie Vick, Sr., and his brother Milton E. Vick. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife Brenda J. Vick; 1 son, Leroy Thompson of Irvington, NJ; five daughters, Janice Vick of Middlesex, NC, Tanisha Hammond of Greensboro, NC, Aarona Gillespie (Perry) of Raeford, NC, Nichelle Vick of Irvington, NJ, Aaliyah Thompson-Vick of Irvington, NJ; one brother, Bertis Vick of Middlesex, NC; two sisters, Barbara Brown (Charles), Clementine Vick of Wendell, NC; one uncle, Ulysses Vick of New York; one aunt, Dazerine Woodward of North Carolina; one goddaughter, Shanteeyah Hall of New Jersey; 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.











In God's Care



God saw I was getting weary
So, He did what He thought best.
He came and stood beside me,
And whispered, "Come and rest".
I bid no one a last farewell,
not even a goodbye,
I was gone before they knew it,
And only God knows why.
He took me safely in His arms
To His home beyond the skies.

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Curtis L. Vick** wishes to sincerely thank you for your many prayers, acts of kindness, and expressions of love extended to us during our time of bereavement.
May God bless each of you.*

The Family

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