

A portrait of Deacon Clarence "Bobby" Miles, a Black man with a mustache, wearing a grey patterned suit jacket over a blue shirt and tie. He is smiling slightly and has his right hand near his chin. The background is a blue sky with white clouds and a wooden cross is visible behind him.

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Deacon Clarence "Bobby" Miles

Sunrise
July 31, 1957

Sunset
August 20, 2011



Service

Friday, August 26, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

163 Autumn Street • Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. W. Louis McDowell, Officiating
George Garrison, Organist



HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST
God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come to me"
With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you pass away
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST!

Reflections of Life

Clarence “Bobby” Miles was the second jewel born to Norman and Margaret (Phillips) Miles on July 31, 1957 in Brooklyn, New York. He received his early education from Brooklyn Public Schools and graduated in 1975 from Brooklyn Technical High School. He grew up in his first home church Mt. Calvary U.F.W. Baptist Church Brooklyn, NY where his spiritual growth manifested in enormous ways. He was a mentor to all the children, superintendent of the Sunday School, and a youth leader of the Young People’s Christian League. At a young age Clarence Miles was ordained as Deacon Miles at Mt. Calvary under the leadership of Bishop Milton Hines-Dortch. He later attended New York City Community College of Applied Arts and Science where he received an Associates Degree in Applied Science. Clarence Miles was employed at Scholastic Inc., as Assistant Production Director for the past twelve years until his health declined. He previously shared his professional talents at Black Enterprise for over ten years, Sassy Magazine, Parent Magazine and various Brooklyn community publications.

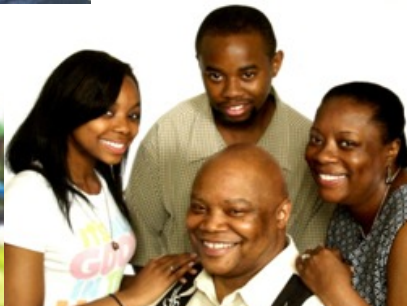
Clarence’s desire to serve and avenge evil was evident early on when he, his brothers and family friend, Frankie called themselves the Avengers, super heroes who defended the world from evil. We also can’t ever forget Clarence’s extraordinary photography skills where his favorite subject was his main girl Vera who became his wife.

Deacon Miles was a great man and was truly respected by his colleagues and all that he encountered. He had a fun-loving spirit and was truly devoted to his family and was a faithful servant of the Lord. In 2001, Deacon Miles and his family relocated to New Jersey and in 2004 joined membership with Mt. Pilgrim M.B.C., Passaic, NJ where he continued service as a Superintendent of the Sunday School and served in the Male Chorus Men’s Ministry and the Homeless Ministry. We will always remember his bright smile and straight forward words of wisdom. He was well known by his church family for his infamous “Scripture Showers” which he utilized to implement a strong foundation of God’s word into the hearts of young children and the people of God.

As the morning of August 20, 2011 approached, an angel sent from God took our dearest and beloved Clarence into paradise.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loyal and beloved wife, Vera A. Miles of twenty-eight years; two loving children, Christopher E. Miles and Jessica L. Miles; two grandchildren, Jayden E. Miles and Mariah N. Miles; six god-children, Robert, Jeffrey, Jamie, Christina, Tanasha and Roger; devoted parents, Margaret and Norman Miles; two brothers, Vincent Miles and Donald Miles; one sister, Norma Jean Miles; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and other family members.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Musical Prelude George Garrison

Processional The Family

Opening Hymn “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”
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Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort Clergy

Selection Mt. Pilgrim Combined Choir

Words of Comfort Bishop Milton Hines Dortch, Pastor
Mt. Calvary Unified Free Will Baptist Church • Brooklyn, NY

Remarks Norman Miles, Father
Deacon Richard Gartley
Assistant Superintendent, Sunday School
Deacon Michael Veal
Chairman, Deacon Board

Selection Mt. Pilgrim Combined Choir

Acknowledgements, Resolutions
and Obituary Rita L. Sallie

Selection Mt. Pilgrim Combined Choir

Eulogy Rev. Dr. W. Louis McDowell, Pastor
Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church • Passaic, New Jersey

Recessional The Family

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

23rd Psalm

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgements

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