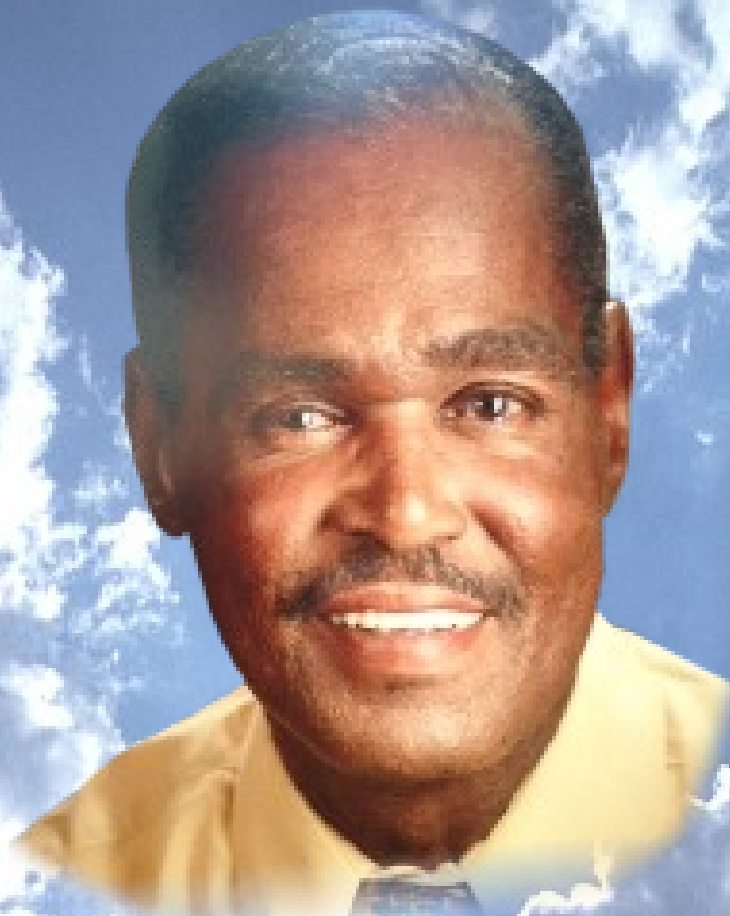


Celebration of The Life and Legacy of



Elder Arnold Arend Zellars

Sunrise
December 23, 1944

Sunset
August 12, 2012

Service

Thursday, August 16, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Church of Christ

54 Irvine Turner Blvd • Newark, New Jersey

Bishop James D. Churchwell, Sr. - Pastor

Eulogist: Bishop Joseph C. Allen

Bethlehem Temple • East Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

Arnold Arend Zellers was born on December 23, 1944 in Harrison, New Jersey to Julia Dallas and Thomas Zellers.

As a young child, Arnold attended Mount Olive Church in Newark, NJ, under the leadership of Rev. Fleming and Rev. Jones. Soon after he attended Emmanuel Church of Christ under the pastorate of District Elder Solomon Sanders. It was there that he received the gift of the Holy Ghost. Then he moved on to be a lifelong member of Bethesda Temple, under the leadership of Bishop Joseph C. Allen and remained there until his passing.

Arnold was a professional truck driver throughout the tri-state area, which went hand-in-hand with his love for driving. Arnold was outgoing, fun loving, caring and boisterous person. He was quick to say whatever was on his mind, especially if he thought it was for your own good. Arnold was an ordained minister and a chaplain for the United Chaplin International World Wide Outreach, Inc. He also earned several certificates under the tutelage of Maceo Hemingway.

Arnold never hesitated to tell his testimony in order to touch, inspire or change lives. He had a strong love for prison ministries and was the Director of Prison Ministries through the United Chaplin International World Wide Outreach, Inc. For several years Arnold was a drug counselor and served under Pastor Reginald Osbourne of Bethel Worldwide Outreach Ministries. He supported several ministries and loved to teach and preach the Word of God and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Arnold was married to Evangelist Debra E. Zellers, the love of his life thirty-six years. He never hesitated to boast about the beauty of his beloved Debbie. He would tell anyone how much he deeply loved her. Arnold absolutely adored and spoiled his grandchildren. He was always proud of them and showered them with love and affection. Having so many grandchildren was an accomplishment for Arnold. He would often joke calling himself "Father Abraham". He felt blessed to have a big family.

He leaves to celebrate his life: his loving wife, Debbie Zellers; from that union seven children, Monique, Heath (Bamm), Omar Sharif, Brandie Almond, La'Kima, Arneesha (Muffin) and Zakoya (Koko). His three children from his previous marriage to Joan Bell, Minister Arnold Zellers, Jr., Lisa Zellers (who preceded him in death) and Daryn Zellers. He also leaves his beloved sister, Evangelist Catherine Gillespie, his brother-in-law, Elder Perry Gillespie, Sr., his brother, Walter Zellers (who preceded him in death), a special cousin, Pastor Robert Claborne, nineteen grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, family members, close friends and a long church family, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude Deacon Ernest Hall
Processional Clergy and Family
Officiant Evang. Beverly Allen
Bethesda Temple • East Orange, NJ
Prayer of Comfort Bishop James D. Churchwell, Sr.
Scripture Reading
Old Testament Pastor Julia Bogan
New Testament Pastor Robert Claborne
Choir Selection
Tributes (please limit to 2 minutes) Bishop Ronnie Amos, Jr.
Bishop Leo C. Smith
Bishop James D. Churchwell, Sr.
Bishop Carolyn A. Webb
Apostle Bravit Edwards
Elder Ronald Simpson
Minister Maceo Hemingway
Bishop Everett
Pastor Anthonia DeCosta
Musical Selection
Reading of Resolution Sis. Sandra Gilead
Obituary and Acknowledgements Sis. Veronica Sanders
Sermonic Selection La’Kima Brooks
Eulogy Bishop Joseph Allen
Bethesda Temple
East Orange, NJ
Final Glance
Recessional

INTERMENT
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Repast immediately following service in Fellowship Hall

Miss Me But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown

My Farewell

*Our family circle has been broken link has gone from our chain;
But though we are parted for a while,
We know we will meet again.
Sometimes it's hard to understand why certain things must be,
but there is a reason for it all, beyond our power to see.
The cover of life's book is closed for one we loved so well;
But the loving deeds of
by-gone days are what the pages tell.
The blow was hard, the shock severe;
We never thought your death was so near.
But only those who have lost can tell
The pain of parting without farewell.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgements

*The family of **Arnold Zellars** gratefully acknowledges the many kind expressions of love and sympathy extended to them during this time. We thank God for you all.*

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