

# The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you. My loved ones, oh so dear. But you see, the Master called me, His voice was very clear! I had made my reservation A heaven bound ticket for one, And I knew that He would call me When He felt my work was done. I know that your hearts are heavy Because I have gone away, But when the Master called me, I knew that I could not stay. Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you My loved ones, oh so dear, But, you see, the Master called me And, now I'm resting here. Yes, I've crossed on over to glory And to you all I say Just stay in the hands of Jesus And we'll meet again someday.*

*-Author unknown*

## Wake

Sunday, October 28, 2012 from 4 to 6:00 p.m.

Daughter of Zion SDA Church

201 NW 3rd Avenue • Delray Beach, FL 33444

(561) 272-8396

## Funeral Services

Monday, October 29, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church

901 North Seacrest Boulevard • Boynton Beach, FL 33435

(561) 732-2377

## Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a comforting message or sang a lovely song, or sat in a chair.

Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friends could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Perhaps you prepared some tasty food or maybe furnished a car.

Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

WE THANK YOU SO MUCH...

Whatever the part shown to us during the death of our loved one.

~The Family

## A Very Special Thanks

Our Church Family (First SDA Church of Paterson)

Allegheny East Conference Corporation of Seventh Day Adventists

Dr. George Patterson, Somerset, NJ

Dr. Jean Eloy, UMDNJ Newark, NJ

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# Celebrating the Life of

# A Visionary Leader

# Pastor

# David Lionel King, Sr.

## Time

September 23, 1963

## Eternity

October 17, 2012



## Memorial Services

Wednesday, October 24, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

**First Seventh Day Adventist Church of Paterson**

343 11th Avenue • Paterson, NJ 07514

# THE LIFE OF A KING

## Pastor David Lionel King, Sr.

*Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed – in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 1 Corinthians 15:51-53*

On September 23, 1963, David L. King was born in Boynton Beach, Florida to Murville and Geraldine King. He was a special child of God born the eighth of nine children. At the tender age of four, he received a special call from God to preach the word. He preached his first childhood sermon to his family while standing on a cardboard box in the living room of his parent's home. On Sabbath, he would also make it his business to stand in the preacher's greeting line shaking hands with members after service. All were inspired by his dedication.

Pastor King met the future love of his life Deborah in June of 1981 while conducting a choir concert in New Bern, N.C. Music and choir directing was a few of the many talents he possessed. A blooming love relationship followed while attending Oakwood College. In December 1985, he married the girl of his dreams. To this union they were blessed with four beautiful children, David Jr., Denica, Dwight and Durell.

He received his early training in the Boca Raton school district. He graduated from Oakwood College, Huntsville AL in 1985 with a BA in Theology. In 1988, he was conferred the Master of Divinity Degree from the Andrews Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, MI. Before his eternal rest he was a candidate for the Doctorate of Ministry Degree in Leadership and Administration from Logos Christian College and Graduate School, Jacksonville, FL.

During his ministry and through his illness, he preached the gospel unceasingly never complaining. Even though Satan tried on numerous occasions to impede his ministry, he never stopped rendering his service to God. There were many incidents in which his sickness seemed to overwhelm him. From preaching while sitting on stools, to walking with canes and pushing a wheelchair, nothing could stop him from his mission. God has performed miracles in his life time and time again to which his church family, doctors and family can attest. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reads: **“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven”**. Pastor King's purpose has now been completed. He was truly a child of the King who surrendered his life unselfishly to the service of God. A million pens could never write the love, the joy, and the warmth he shared with all the people he touched.

## My Soul Mate and Best Friend

What can one say about someone who made my world spin by simply looking into my eyes. I was so glad to have Dave in my life. It was a privilege to know him, to share myself with him and to walk together on paths that took us in so many beautiful directions.

When I was with him I knew I was in the presence of someone who made my life more complete **than I ever dreamed**. I looked to him for trust, inspiration, answers and encouragement which he gave openly.

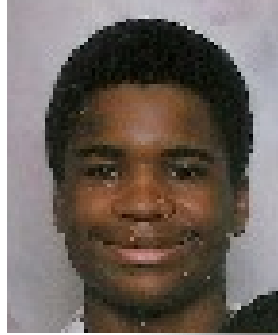
I will greatly miss my soul mate and best friend. However, I know we will meet again when the last triumph sounds. Until that time, **I must hold on, get my house in order and be ready for that grand reunion in the sky.**

Sleep, my dear – take your rest –

Lovingly Debbie



My dad was a great dad. When he was well, he took me bowling. He would help me with my science fair projects. But when Jesus comes again I will see him again, for I will miss him.  
-Durell



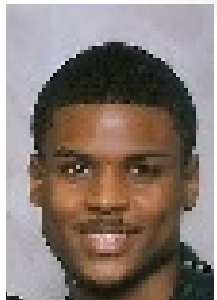
My father was many things to many people. He was a source of inspiration, a leader, and encourager to some; a coach, a friend, and a provider to many. He was a son, a husband, and a brother to others. To me he was a father, exhibiting every attribute of what an Earthly father could show. More importantly, he exhibited the love and guidance which our heavenly father shows to his children. For that I will truly miss and forever love my father. I love you dad, till we meet again.

-Dwight



My dad was **MY** dad. I will miss all of our agreements, disagreements, smiles, laughs, teaching lessons, cooking lessons, advice, simply him. I can't wait to see him again, I miss him yesterday. I will see him soon. Until then, I will remember his laughs, jokes, talks, and fatherly love. Rest dad, it won't be long...

-Denica Alise Dorris



Words cannot express how much I will miss my Father. He was a man of principle; A man who was steadfast in the Lord. I am grateful for the time the Lord gave him to us, and I look forward to our great reunion. Your struggle is over now. You fought a good fight. Rest peacefully pops but not for too long. We'll meet you in the air.

-David Jr.

## *LIFE MINISTRY*

Pastor King has served this church for over 25 years, preaching at various Camp Meetings, Federations and Youth Congress. He served as conference evangelist in the Southeastern Conference of SDA.

He received several awards including: Pastor of the Year Excellence in Evangelism, Southern Union Conference; Outstanding Service Award, Youth Ministries, Southeastern Conference; and Leadership and Community Service Award, Southern California Conference.

He was a world renowned speaker and conducted evangelistic meetings in and out of the United States. New Zealand; South London, England; Cayman Islands; Bahamas; Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Calgary, Alberta Canada and the Virgin Islands to name a few.

He pastored several churches in the Southeastern Conference and Southern California Conference. On May 1, 2006 the Executive Committee of the Allegheny East Conference extended an invitation to Pastor King and his family to serve as Pastor of the First SDA Church of Paterson, NJ. This is where he completed his purpose with his boots strapped on. On July 21, 2012, He began what would be his final tent crusade. He orchestrated a four week Crusade but was only able to preach the first two nights. On July 23, 2012, he became ill and God called him to rest on October 17, 2012. He fought a good fight and now waits to hear, **“Well done, good and faithful servant!”**

He was preceded in death by his brother, Murville A. King II.

## *LEGACY*

Deborah, his loving and devoted wife of 27 years; **His children:** David Jr. (Meghan) Louisville Kentucky, Denica Alise Chapel Hill, NC, Dwight LaMarr and Durell Lawrence Somerset, NJ. His parents: Murville and Geraldine King Delray Beach FL; his mother and father –in-law, Edward and Doris Mendes Newbern, NC. Seven brothers- William Gent II, Victor Gent, Boynton Beach, FL; Kimm (Jimmie) Gent Orlando, FL; Lenell (Sandra) Gent, Lamarr (Katherine) Gent and E. Stephen King, all of Delray Beach, FL. One sister- Vanessa (Bryan) King Johnson, Marianna, FL. One brother-in-law: Jonathan Mendes, Jacksonville, NC. A host of aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins, and treasured friends who loved him dearly.

# Order of Service

## **Processional**

Family, Ministers and Elders

## **Moderator**

First Elder, Dewitt Evering, First SDA Church of Paterson

## **Opening Song**

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”  
Elder Duane Lightbody

## **Prayer of Comfort**

Dr. John A. Trusty, Director of Relationship Ministries AEC

## **Scripture**

Pastor Frank Leggette, AEC  
Old Testament – Job 14: 10-14  
New Testament - Rev. 21: 1-4

## **Musical Selection**

“Hear My Voice”

First Praise – (Founder) Pastor D. King, First SDA Church of Paterson  
Norma Hughes-Accompanist

## **Acknowledgements**

Sis. Sophia Rose (Clerk)

## **Remarks**

Elder Charles Cheatham, Former President AEC  
Dr. John Trusty, Relationship Ministry AEC  
Dr. Abraham Jules, Mt. Vernon SDA, Mt. Vernon, NY  
Pastor Lawrence Brown, Lebanon SDA, Queens, NY  
Sis. Elisa Maragoto & Bro. John Hakizimana, Lake Nelson SDA School  
Elder Mary Jo Tyson, First SDA Church of Paterson

## **Musical Selection**

Essence—Lebanon SDA, Queens, NY

## **Obituary**

Sis. Ann Leggette, Cousin

## **Musical Selection**

Divine Praise, Lebanon SDA, Queens, NY

## **Eulogy**

Pastor Claude Harris, AEC SDA

## **Closing Hymn**

“When We All Get to Heaven” #633  
Elder Duane Lightbody

## **Benediction**

Dr. Marcellus Robinson, VP AEC

