

Home Going Celebration of Life
for



Deacon Samuel H. Furr, Jr.

Sunrise
September 3, 1938

Sunset
January 7, 2013

Service

Monday, January 14, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

459 Avon Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Deacon Samuel H. Furr, Jr. left his earthly home and returned to his heavenly home on Monday, January 7, 2013 after an unexpected illness at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He was born to the late Samuel H. Furr, Senior and Mary Lewis in Lexington, KY. He was the youngest of his parents' three children.

Deacon S. Furr attended the public school system of Lexington before migrating to Newark, New Jersey in the 1950's. He would then meet and marry Leatrice J. Furr, now deceased, and from this union four children were raised Deadra, Tolbert, Donna and Dionne. He later met Dolores Mathis and this bond brought upon one daughter, Barbara Furr. He is also the father of Keith Jackson.

He later married Marilyn Furr and to this union one son was born, Samuel the third.

In 1961, Deacon Furr enlisted in the United States Army where he served his country until receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1964. Upon leaving the Army, Deacon Furr held several positions: long distance truck driver, bus driver for New Jersey Transit and correction officer for the Yardville Corrections Center for Youth. He later found his niche when he began working for the United States Post Office in the late 1980's and remained gainfully employed there until his passing on Monday.

Deacon Green, whom he met later in life, introduced him to his Zion Church Family at the time under the leadership of Pastor Gerald L. Dickerson. Once the leadership at the church changed, Pastor W. Gyant, Sr. and Deacon Furr worked together throughout the church. Pastor Gyant saw a spiritual devotion in his life and on April 28, 1996 ordained him as a deacon, a position he held until his death.

Deacon Furr loved and was dedicated to his church and his church family. He served on several auxiliary boards including: President of the Deacon Ministry, Zion Baptist Church Men's Chorus, Sunday School Teacher, and the Missionary Board member just to name a few. The Lord laid it upon Deacon Furr's heart in 2006 to establish the ZYI (Zion Youth Inspiration) which continues to play a major part in the church ministry today. He was committed to visiting the sick and shut-in. Deacon Furr was not just in the church, but the church was in him; it was evident that this was so because he proclaimed God's Word everywhere he went and with whomever he came in contact with, whether at his church or yours. His favorite scripture was Psalm 1:1-6 which reads, "*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*" (KJV)

He was also faithful to two organizations, New Hope Missionary Baptist Association, Inc. "Laymen's Association" where he served as President and the Network of Christian Men, Inc. "Empowering Men for God's Work."

On his last Sunday, January 6, 2013, Deacon Samuel H. Furr, Jr went mightily before the Lord with the anointing and power, singing "*Whatever You Are Doing In Your Season, Don't Forget About Me.*"

He leaves to cherish forever his memory: his wife, Marilyn Furr; children: Deadra Watkins-Phillips (Reginald) Houston, TX, Tolbert Furr (Gwendolyn), Minister Donna Furr-Hall (Arthur), Newark, NJ, Dionne Winstead, Upper Darby, PA, Keith Jackson, Lexington, KY, Barbara Washington (Micheal) Roselle, NJ and Samuel H. Furr III, Newark, NJ; stepchildren, Lekeshea Brooks-Wertz, Hillside, NJ, Tyree Brooks and Shakir Brooks, Lakewood, NJ; sister, Mrs. Jane Gaynor (Carl), Lexington, KY; thirty-four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; nieces and nephews from out of state, Dr. P. Callaway (Tony) Durham, NC; Glen Birch, Rowlando Birch, Crista Dunn, Carlton Gaynor and Creighton Gaynor, all of Lexington, KY; brothers-in-law, Mark Brooks, Gary Brooks and Carl Watkins; sisters-in-law, Carolyn Fields, Leonor Shepard (Maurice), Frances Brooks, Cookie Brooks and Wanda Hill; and host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and family, and his Zion Baptist Church family.

May you find comfort in the thought that sorrow, grief and woe are sent into our lives sometimes to help our souls to grow. For through the depths of sorrow come understanding love, peace, truth and comfort sent from God above.

~ Humbly submitted, The Family of Deacon Samuel H. Furr, Jr. ~

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Praise “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Old Testament - Psalms 121 Deacon H. Green
Zion Baptist Church

New Testament - St John 14: 1-6 Deacon D. Moore
Zion Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort Rev. I. Jordan
Zion Baptist Church

Combined Choir Zion Baptist Church

Remarks Dr. Patricia Callaway, Niece • Durham, NC
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Acknowledgements/Resolutions Sis. M. Barney
Zion Baptist Church

Obituary Lekeshea Brooks-Wertz

Soloist..... Sis. Carrie Deed Harrison

Eulogy Pastor W. Gyant, Sr.
Zion Baptist Church • Newark, NJ

Recessional

INTERMENT
Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey



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

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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