

In Loving Memory of

Isaiah 26:19

Your dead will live.
My corpses will rise up.
Awake and shout joyfully,
You residents in the dust!
For your dew is as the dew of the morning,
And the earth will let those powerless
in death come to life.



Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you prayed a sincere prayer or came to pay a call;
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.
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, by word or deed or touch;
Whatever was the kindly part, we thank you oh so very much.

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Steven Lawson

March 15, 1956 - November 23, 2013

Memorial Service

Saturday, December 7, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

115 Lindsley Avenue
Newark, New Jersey
Melvin Puryear, Officiating

Order of Service

Opening Prayer
James Lowry

Obituary
Anthony Kates

Memorial Talk
Melvin Puryear

Song 134
“See Yourself When All Is New”

Closing Prayer
Melvin Puryear



Obituary

Steven Lawson was born March 15, 1956 to Willie Lawson (deceased) and Sophie Aikens in Newark, NJ. He was the seventh of nine children born to them. Three of his brothers and two of his sisters have preceded him in death. His two surviving brothers, Willie Al and Willie and his step-dad, Dave Aikens, lives in Georgia and his one surviving sister, Katherine Lawson-Franks lives in New Jersey.

Steve has five surviving in-laws, three sisters-in-law, Janet and Brenda Lawson of Georgia and Alberta Marbley of NJ; one brother-in-law, Rick Mathis of South Carolina and one father-in-law, Richard Mathis of South Carolina.

In 1970, he met Gwendolyn Marbley who he later married in 1975. From this union, they had three sons, Steven, Jr., Dwayne and Anthony; three daughters-in-law, LaKeisha, Tonette and Tiffany. These three couples gave Steven eleven grandchildren, Bianca, Stefani, Raven, Taniyah, Rebecca, Shashi, Anaya, Dwayne, Jr., Jaheim, Sahnye and Saraya; and two great grandchildren, Pierce and Arianna.

Steve was a simple man who loved to laugh, listen to music, play chess, watch television especially football, loved to cook and eat and to be around family and friends. People loved to be around him because he would make them laugh, he listens to what they are saying and encourage them. And, he especially loved to drive his friends crazy with the Brother Riley’s do-dads.

Steve always said that one day he was going to be rich. Even though he was born into a large family, he married into an even large family who were warm and loving. His in-laws welcomed him into their large family without reservations to the extent that Steve was thought of more as a blood relative than an in-law. He became rich in family.

On August 7, 1976, Steve was baptized as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses. From his first assembly in 1972 until the day that he died, he felt that he had finally hit the mega-jackpot of riches. He enjoyed nothing more than learning about the truths in the bible and sharing those truths with others. Being present in Jehovah’s house and surrounded by Jehovah’s people made his heart sing. There was nothing more important to him than serving Jehovah to the best of his ability throughout his life time despite all of his trials and physical hardships. He became rich spiritually.

On November 23, 2013, Steve died an extremely rich man. Steve was rich in family as he had family, in-laws and friends who loved him. But, most importantly, he was spiritually rich because Jehovah loved him more.

Steve leaves behind a vast number of family and friends who will greatly miss him.

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