

In Loving Memory of



Elder Vincent G. Peterson

Sunrise
August 3, 1931

Sunset
February 11, 2014

Service

Thursday, February 20, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

GREATER REFUGE TEMPLE

2081 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. • New York, NY

Bishop William Lee Bonner, Pastor
Bishop Charles Wright, Sr., Eulogist
Bishop William Wilkins, Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Vincent Gender Peterson, was born on August 3, 1931 to the late George and Gwendolyn Peterson of St. Eustatius, Netherland Antilles. He was the second youngest of ten children, seven girls and three boys. He was born and raised in New York City where he pursued his education. He was later employed at the United States Postal Service and the NYC Taxi Commission.

Vincent wooed the loving and beautiful Emily Washington at the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ convention in Philadelphia, PA. It was certainly the City of Brotherly Love for them. Within seven months, they were joined together in Holy Matrimony on Easter Sunday, March 29, 1959 at Refuge Temple, officiated by the late Bishop R.C. Lawson, in New York City. Born to this union were five children, Vivian, Vincent, Michael, Deborah and Gail.

Elder Vincent Peterson was baptized in Jesus' name and received the Holy Ghost in the early 1950's. He was called to the ministry where he attended Bronx Refuge Church under the auspices of Elder Nathaniel Lawson and Bishop Thomas Richardson.

Throughout his ministry, he fellowshipped with numerous churches and evangelists, such as Evangelistic Church with Bishop Lymus Johnson, Christ Holy Tabernacle of Jesus Christ with Pastor Francis Scott, Sr., Way of Calvary with Pastor Ellison James, Plain Path Church with Pastor Alfred Blount, Sr. and many more. He preached the Word of God, conducted bible study and provided music lessons. His ministry through evangelism and his love for God was orchestrated through the anointed music he played as the lead guitarist at many of the churches he worked with.

In his later years, he received his membership and was ordained at the Highway Christian Church presided by the late Pastor Lomax and now under the leadership of Pastor Robert Askew.

He loved the Lord and was well versed in the scriptures. One of his favorite scriptures was Mark 1:3 "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." He would converse continuously about the Bible with his associates, family and strangers. He believed strongly in fasting and praying and instilled this practice in his children.

His passion for music led to teaching his children and grandchildren how to skillfully play various instruments, such as the acoustic/electric guitar, electric bass, drums, piano and the violin. As a skilled musician, he was a blessing to everyone he encountered.

During his leisure, he enjoyed playing checkers, scrabble and bible quizzes with his family, especially with his grandchildren. They were his pride and joy. His face would beam with joy whenever he mentioned his grandchildren in conversation. They affectionately called him "Ampa". He also enjoyed cooking delectable meals for his family. One of his favorite hobbies was riding his bicycle daily. Following in his brother's footsteps, he too demonstrated a strong interest in electronics. He built his own amplifiers and was very good at fixing appliances. His family never lacked repair work in the home. He could practically fix anything. Occasionally, his services would be requested by neighbors and even extended to his church family.

His dedication in serving the Lord was not in vain. His last words were "I'm going to church". Our beloved Dad departed this life on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Emily Peterson; his children, Vivian, Vincent, Michael, Deborah and Gail; his sister, Maxine Wentz; his sister-in-law, Louise Springer; eight grandchildren, Vincent Jr., Jivon, Deshayna, Shamel, Andre, Sharique, Diamond and Elijah; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church family.

We love you and will miss you. We will see you in the morning.
Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Processional..... Clergy & Family

Prayer of Comfort Elder Michael Dickerson

Scriptures:

Old Testament Pastor Robert Askew

New Testament Elder Curtis Douglas

Selection GRT Choir

Remarks Clergy

Cards & Acknowledgements..... Aleatha Edwards

Remarks Family & Friends

Selection GRT Choir

Obituary..... Aleatha Edwards

Solo..... Thomas Pierre
“My Soul Has Been Anchored In The Lord”

Eulogy Bishop Charles Wright, Sr.

Viewing

Recessional

Benediction

Interment

Maple Grove Cemetery
Hackensack, New Jersey

Because The Angels Came

No more grief or sorrow, no more suffering or pain, now there is everlasting peace because the angels came. Only God knows what is best and He gently holds my hand . Guiding me to a better place because the angels came. When the sun rises tomorrow and I answer not my name, Please don't cry Rejoice with me because the angels came. I now can rest in peace as I never could before. Answered the gentle knock of the angels at my door. So please don't mourn for me as new wings I now claim, I can take my flight to heaven because the angels came.

-Author unknown

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The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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