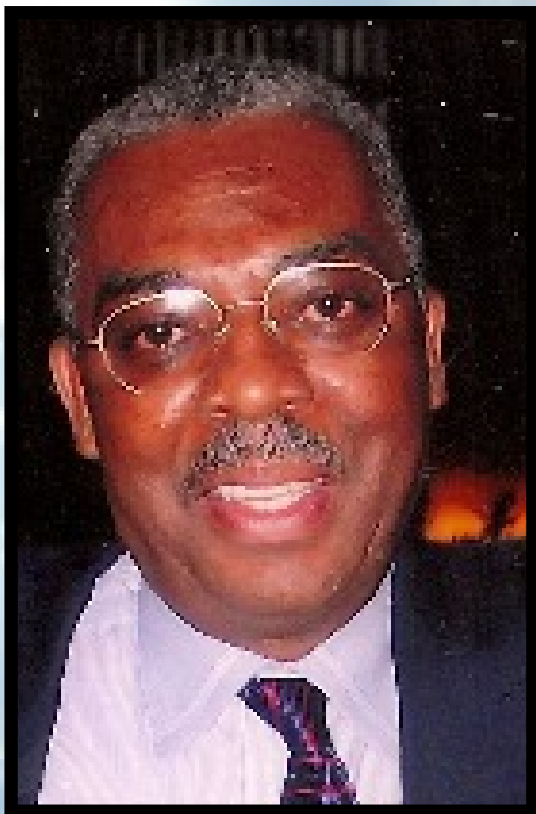


Celebration of Life for



Melvin "Poochie" Hansford

January 18, 1945 – May 1, 2014

Thursday, May 8, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

GILMORE MEMORIAL LOOK AND LIVE MINISTRY

68 Haledon Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey

Elder Patrick Farrar, Pastor

Rev. Warren McDowell, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Melvin “Poochie” Hansford of Paterson, NJ was born on January 18, 1945 in Passaic, NJ. He was the son of Lanzy and Josephine (Ogeltree) Hansford.

Melvin who resided in Paterson most of his life attended the Paterson Public School system. He was a graduate of Passaic County Technical School and Passaic County Community College. Poochie was employed by Bogue Electric Company Paterson and Stern’s Department Store. He was a proud US Army Veteran having served his country during the Vietnam Conflict.

Melvin later went on to become the first African American Taxi Director for the City of Paterson. He served proudly in this position for over twenty years before recently retiring. He was appointed to this position by the Honorable Mayor William J. Pascrell who is no a congressman.

Melvin was a member of Prophetic Church of God Paterson. Melvin was honored by his church family as Business Man of the Year.

Poochie enjoyed fishing. He looked forward to “Porgie” season in the spring when he would go to Massachusetts. He also loved cruising yearly with his wife Karen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lanzy and Josephine (Ogeltree) Hansford, one sister, Fannie, three brothers, Kenneth, Donald and Lanzy, Jr.

Poochie departed this life Thursday, May 1, 2014.

Melvin “Poochie” leaves to cherish precious memories: his beloved wife, Karen Gilbert Hansford; two sons, Melvin Blow and Bryant (Keisha) Thompson; two granddaughters, Kennedy Thompson and Katrice Dailey; sister, Ruth Harrison; four brothers, William (Irene), Norman (Cheryl), Robert (Eunice) and Clavon Byrd; two grandsons, JaQuan Hoyles and Brandon Thompson; a sister-in-law, Deborah (Reuben) Johnson; brother-in-law, Vincent Gilbert; Godmother, Ella Hansford; special nephew, Vincent “Jakey” Gilbert. He is also survived by two special friends, Phillip Thomas and Jane Williams-Warren; two devoted friends, Katie Kowan and Gradye Stephens; his beloved pet, Smokey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and the Prophetic Church of God Family.

Order of Service

Rev. Thomas Harris (Asst. Pastor) Prophetic Church of God
Worship Leader

Selection Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23..... Dr. Earl Marsan

New Testament Timothy 4:6-8Rev. Louis Norris

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. James Kuykendall

Solo Johnnie Hansford

Remarks Rev. Dr. John H. Hall

Phillip Thomas (Best Friend)

Vincent Gilbert, Jr. (Nephew)

Acknowledgements..... Sis. Catherine Devine

Solo Shawn Brooks

Remarks City Officials

Reflections of Life

Solo..... Brenda Mickens

Words of Comfort Pastor Warren F. McDowell

Prophetic Church of God, Paterson, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Cedarlawn Cemetery

Paterson, New Jersey

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Melvin "Poochie" Hansford wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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