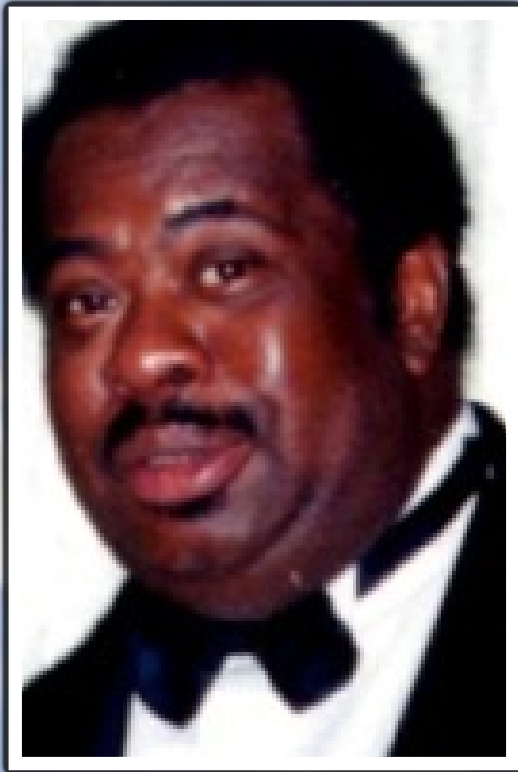


In Loving Memory of Otha Tanks, Jr.

Sunrise
June 15, 1947

Sunset
June 1, 2014



Service

Friday, June 6, 2014 11:00 am

ST. PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH

249 West 132 Street
New York, New York 10027

Reverend Dr. V. Duwayne Battle; Pastor
Reverend Dr. Linda Spears; Officiating

Order of Service

Invocation of Prayer.....Rev. Dr.Linda Spears

Selection Congregational Hymn.....Blessed Assurance

Scripture ReadingRev. Sharon Reese
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Linda Spears

Remarks and Reflections from Family and Friends
(Two minutes please)
Mr. Curtis Tanks
Dea. Alphonso Price
Dea. Anne Yelverton, Chairman
Deacon Board St Paul Baptist Church

Acknowledgements and Reading of Resolution
and Obituary.....Sis Deborah Barton,
Church Clerk

Musical Selection.....Dea. William McEachern

Eulogy.....Rev. Robert Royal

Closing Prayer and Benediction.....Rev Dr. Linda Spears

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
210 Princeton Boulevard
Calverton, NY 11933-1031

Repast to follow service in the Dining Room

Reflections of Life

Otha Tanks Jr was born to the parents of Mary Pauline and Otha Tanks Sr on June 15, 1947 in Mullens, West Virginia. He was the eldest of four with two sisters and one brother, Linda Lewis, Curtis Tanks and Vera Kay Tanks.

He was educated in his formative years at Conley Elementary School and graduated from Mullens High School. He came to New York City and subsequently enlisted in the United States Navy. He dutifully served his country for six years with an honorable discharge. Upon his return to New York City, Otha (or Otis as he preferred to be called) became a security officer and worked for Allied International Union and Security Service for 20 plus years. He continued to serve as a Union delegate for Allied International following his retirement.

Otha was raised in a Christian household which was evident by his love for people. He was the epitome of “walking the walk.” Otha was a precocious child as his family recalls and was fondly nicknamed “Man” because he always acted and displayed wisdom far beyond his years. He was always jovial and could always be found being the comedian and making people laugh. Otis was known as a giver who never said “No”!

He met and married Helen Echols who brought him to St Paul Baptist Church where he has served in many capacities over the past 30 years. He has held positions as President of the Fuel Club, President of the Usher Board and served on the Diaconate Board. He was always open and willing to serve in any capacity. He displayed a genuine open heart for everyone and was willing to help no matter the circumstances. He loved his community and was an active participant at the Senior Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents Mary Pauline and Otha Tanks Sr, his sister Vera Kay, niece, Tracy Lewis and stepdaughter Charline Zeno. Survived by a loving wife Helen Echols-Tanks, sister Linda Lewis, brother Curtis Tanks, brother in law George L. Lewis, sister in law Denise Tanks, son Andre Tanks and grandson Andre Jr., stepdaughter Pamela Echols, grandson Charles Taylor J Smith, 2 granddaughters Renee Restall and Jacquelyn Zeno, 6 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

I AM FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free*

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Otha Tanks Jr.** would like to thank and extend their gratitude to each and everyone for the many cards, calls, flowers, words of comfort that has been bestowed upon us for strength and courage.*

May God Bless Each of You!!

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:

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