

A Celebration of Life  
Deacon William James Massie, Sr.

Sunrise:  
March 3, 1931

Sunset:  
March 2, 2015



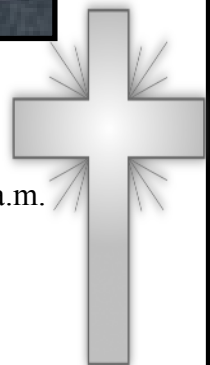
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

**THE HIGHWAY CHURCH**

371 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey

*Bishop Liston Page II, Pastor*



# Reflections of Life

Having lived a full and fruitful life of 82 years, **William James Massie Sr.** was received into the arms of our Lord on March 2, 2015 at Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, NJ.

William James Massie, Sr. affectionately known as "Pierre" aka "Pops" was born on March 3, 1932 in Jersey City, New Jersey, to the late Royal Pleasant Massie Sr. and Marian Victoria Mann Massie.

He was educated in the Jersey City public school system. At the age of 18 he enlisted for four years in the United States Air force, stationed at Parks Air Force Base, in California, where he served in the 24th Motor Vehicle Squad, APO 74, in which he received a National Defense Service Medal.

On July 20, 1963 in Jersey City, NJ, William married Lola Marie Wheeler whom he loved dearly. From this union he was blessed with five children: William Jr. Carmelita, Cellestine, Vonisha & Angyl Massie. As a strong disciplinarian, protector and a devoted family man, he believed in working hard to provide for his wife and children, never forgetting what the good Lord had promised.

William's profession was a truck driver for over 50 years and was employed by Joe Glass, Jersey City, NJ, Fab Trucking, Jersey City, NJ, A & B, Express Little Ferry, NJ, Sexton Trucking, Englewood, NJ, Salson & Sons, Jersey City, NJ, Mecca & Son Trucking, Jersey City, NJ. One of William's joy's in life was his music. He was a guitar player and the founder of the band P&W Enterprise, in which he taught and mentored many including his son William Jr., who plays the bass. He extended his act of kindness by helping others in need. He was well respected by his family and the people in his community. William Massie became a member of the International Mason and Eastern Star organization. He retired after obtaining his 33rd degree.

In 1971, William joined Christ Memorial Holiness Church, Newark, NJ, under the leadership of the late Bishop Edward Lawrence Hackett and Mother Anne Hackett of Newark, NJ in which he accepted Christ as his Lord and personal Savior.

He was a loyal, devoted and active member where he served faithfully in the ministry as a deacon for many years serving his community and mentoring the younger generation of deacons. In 2005, Williams joined Highway Church, Paterson, NJ under the leadership of Bishop Liston Page II, in which he became an honorary deacon of the Highway Church and affectionately named Deacon Pop Pop by the Senior Elder-Elder Michael Alston. That was a special moment for him that touched his heart.

William was preceded in death by his three brothers: Royal Massie Jr., Rene' Massie, Lewis Massie, and two sisters: Cellestine Massie and Jane Ann Harding.

William leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife Lola Massie, five children, William J. Massie Jr., Carmelita Chestnut, Cellestine Qualls, Vonisha Mullin & Angyl Moses. Four son-in-law's. Thomas Chestnut, Reggie Qualls, Alford Mullin Jr. & Kevin Moses. Three brother-in-law's, Alfonzo (Lottie) Wheeler, NJ, John (Connie) Wheeler, Rahway, NJ, Walter Wheeler, Jersey City, NJ, seven sister-in-law's, Queen Elizabeth Wheeler, Newark, NJ, Mary Wheeler, Montclair, NJ, Aileen Rickenbacker, Columbia, SC, Ethel Hall, Jersey City, NJ, Hilda Funnye, Irvington, NJ, Deloris (Richard) Moore, Jersey City, NJ, RoseAnne Wheeler, Hillside, NJ; Fifteen grandchildren, four great grandchildren, one God-daughter Trecinda Ravenell Parham and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins & friends who loved him dearly.



# Order of Service



Officiant.....Elder Irene Alton

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Hymn ..... John Qualls

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament ..... Elder Frank Adams

New Testament ...Elder Alford Mullins, Jr. (Son-in-law)

Prayer of Comfort.....Overseer Alan Walker

Solo ..... Sharonda Knight

Acknowledgements .....Overseer Alan Walker

Reflections of Life ..... Overseer Alan Walker

Family Reflections Reggie Qualls (Son-in-law)  
Carmelita Chestnut (Daughter)

Remarks ..... Ethel Hall (Son-in-law)  
Kevin Moses (Son-in-law)

Selection

Words of Comfort ..... Bishop Liston Page II

Recessional

## Entombment

Hollywood Memorial Park and Cemetery  
Chapel of Memories Mausoleum  
1621 Stuyvesant Avenue  
Union, New Jersey 07083-5339  
(908) 688-4300

## Repat

Abyssinian Baptist Church  
224 West Kinney Street, Newark, New Jersey, (973) 642-6404

As I sit in Heaven  
And watch over you everyday.  
I try to let you know with signs  
I never went away.  
I hear you when you're laughing,  
And watch you when you sleep.  
I even place my arms around you,  
To calm you as you weep.  
I see you wish the days away,  
Begging to have me home.  
So I try to send you signs,  
So you know you're not alone.  
Don't feel guilty that you have  
Life that was denied to me.  
Heaven is truly beautiful,  
Just you wait and see.  
So live your life, be free  
And know with every breath you take  
You'll be taking one for me.



## Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Deaconess William James Massie** 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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