

*Celebration of Life Services of
Deacon Lucious Manning, Jr.*



Sunrise

March 27, 1935

Sunset

July 3, 2015

Service

Saturday, July 11, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

Grace Cathedral Outreach Ministries

54 Elizabeth Avenue • Newark, NJ 07108

Pastor Lillie Williams, Eulogist

Pastor Austin Whitacker, Officiating

Reflections on the Life of Deacon Lucious Manning, Jr.

The Book of Life of **Lucious Manning, Jr.** was opened in Dillon, SC on March 27, 1935. He was born to the late Lucious Sr. and Beulah Manning. He was one of twenty-two (22) children. He attended school in Dillon, SC. This Book of Life was closed on Friday, July 3, 2015 at 11:15 A.M.

Lucious loved to work on the farm with his brothers and sisters during his youth.

Lucious later met the love of his life, the beautiful Lillie Smith, and they began dating. This courtship blossomed into a sweet and beautiful love affair. On October 22, 1955, Lucious and Lillie were united in holy matrimony. Their union was blessed with three daughters and two sons.

Lucious' first employment was at Manera Log Mill Company in Dillon, SC. In 1956, Lucious and Lillie moved to Newark, NJ. He was employed at Work O' Light Company in Belleville, NJ, which he retired from after forty years. During this time he and Lillie bought a house for the family. He was always a hard worker, providing for his family. He was a loving husband and a caring father. He loved playing with and spoiling his grandchildren, as most grandparents are known to do.

The Manning Family attended services at Abyssinian Baptist Church in Newark, NJ. Lucious and his family later joined the Church of the Living God on 18th Avenue, under the leadership of Elder Charles Walton. Pastor Walton later established his own church, Calvary Community, CLG, 840 Clinton Avenue, Newark, NJ. The Manning Family later joined this church. As a member of Calvary Community Church, Lucious was ordained a Deacon in June of 2002 in Egg Harbor City, NJ, during the Mays Diocese Assembly.

Deacon Lucious loved to cook. His specialty was fresh hens and that good dressing. He would serve Evangelist Lillie breakfast in bed. How about that!

Deacon Lucious was led to join Grace Cathedral Outreach Ministries by his wife, Evg. Lillie Manning, under the leadership of Elder Lillie Williams. He served faithfully on the Deacon Board as well as on Grace Cathedral's Finance Department. The final earthly chapter of **Deacon Lucious'** Book of Life says that "He was on fire for the Lord". He would get up to testify, singing his songs, and the tears would begin to stream down his cheeks. He was a quiet praiser, and he had an intimate relationship with his Lord. Seemingly at times, the men would have their own praise & worship service going on over in that corner, and then Lucious would get up, come to the middle of the floor, and share with us what was going on. His favorite songs that he would sing from time to time: "This Little Light of Mine" & "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down".

Deacon Lucious was a faithful member and deacon no matter what church he was a member of. He loved Grace Cathedral. His "Brothas", Deacon Ernest and Trustee Henry Ward, would be carrying on so much in that corner, they had to be calmed down at times.

Deacon Lucious was faithful as a caretaker of Grace Cathedral, until he was no longer able to come. He and Deacon Ernest would come and sit under the trees all day, sharing the Lord with everyone who walked by, whether they wanted to hear it or not. Whatever had to be done for the Church was taken care of. So, their "spiritual footprints" are all over Grace Cathedral, for they took care of the property, that it was always presentable. They were most at peace on this property.

Lucious adored and cherished his family. He excessively spoiled his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He made a difference because he was willing and motivated to succeed and reach beyond the stars.

Deacon Lucious left a host of memories, love, and examples to follow for his family that they look after each other.

Deacon Lucious was preceded in death by his daughter, Reneé Manning; his parents, Lucious Sr. and Beulah Manning; his brother, David Manning; sisters-in-law, Mildred Manning and Elder Cornelia Wright; and a brother-in-law, Lex Wright.

Deacon Lucious Manning, Jr. leaves to cherish his life: his wife of 60 years, Evg. Lillie M. Manning; two sons, Ronald and Dennis Manning of East Orange, NJ; two daughters, Deaconess Gloria Manning of East Brunswick, NJ and Wilhemina Patterson (Thomas) of Dillon, SC; three adopted daughters, Ayiesha Manning of Orange, NJ, Samirah Manning of East Brunswick, NJ and Kareemah Manning of Newark, NJ; 14 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; one sister, Ethel Manning of East Orange, NJ; one God-daughter, Carolyn Wright of Gwynn Oak, MD; one God-son, Bret Manning of East Orange, NJ; and a host of other family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional of Clergy and Family

Hymn of Consolation..... *“At the Cross”*

Scripture Readings..... Evang. Gloria Turner

Old Testament..... *Psalm 90:1-4*

New Testament..... *John 14*

Prayer of Comfort..... Bishop Andrew Potts

Musical Selections..... Kenneth Smith

Kendra Smith

Resolutions, Acknowledgements

& Obituary..... Missionary Belinda Ward

Poem..... *“I’m Free At Last”*..... Shamyah Manning

Special Remarks..... *2 minutes please*..... Bishop J. Williams

Deacon Ernest Williams

Family Members

Reflections

Musical Selection..... Joy Potts

Introduction of Eulogist..... Elder A. Whitaker

Eulogy..... Pastor Lillie Williams

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

Repast

Grace Cathedral

54 Elizabeth Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

Pall Bearers

Elder Dennis Manning Brother T. Hunter
Brother Timothy Butler Brother Brett Manning
Brother Dwight Bellamy Brother James Williams
Brother Rex Raphael Pastor Walter McNeil

Floral Bearer

Shamyah Manning

I'M FREE

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

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

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now-He set me free!*

-Samirah & Shamyah Manning

Acknowledgements

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