

In Loving Memory of



*Bishop
Austin L. Darrold*

Sunrise
January 28, 1942

Sunset
July 16, 2016



Obituary

Bishop Austin Leroy Harrold



Austin Leroy Harrold was born Wednesday, January 28, 1942 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska and departed this life on July 16, 2016, at East Orange General Hospital in East Orange, New Jersey.

Austin was born into the family of Madeline O. Brown and Walter Wallace Harrold. Austin was the second born son of the three boys.

He was preceded in death by his parents, eldest brother, Walter Hugh Harrold and sister, Jean Jimerson.

In Omaha, Nebraska, Austin attended the Public Schools of Omaha graduating from Omaha Central High School in 1960. Austin attended Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee from 1960-1964. He was a Sociology major and Religion minor. Austin was not just an ordinary student, he was a student eager to stand for his rights which led him into participating in the early Civil Rights activities in the south including bus boycotts, Woolworth sit-in's and other activities. He was also noticed by the Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities. He was the associate pastor of the college church. Austin was a member of and held offices in the following organizations: SCA, Ministerial Alliance, College Choir, Alpha Omega Library Club, Music Club, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., NAACP, and associate editor of the Lanite. Austin was very proud of his participation in the 1963 Crossroads Africa summer project in Sierra Leone, West Africa. After commencing from Lane College, Austin furthered his education at the Interdenominational Theological Center and Phillips School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia receiving a Bachelor of Divinity (1968) and Master of Divinity (1973). While attending Phillips School of Theology, Reverend Austin L. Harrold continued his involvement in the Civil Rights struggle by participating with the Late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. including the march from Selma to Montgomery.



Austin met the love of his life Gussie Williams while attending school in Atlanta, Georgia. They were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, May 20, 1967. The couple wed at West Mitchell CME Church in Atlanta, GA. A devoted husband, Reverend Harrold has been married to his wife Gussie Harrold for 49 years. Together they have three children, Sabrina, Austin Jr. and Sophia.



Reverend Austin L. Harrold had over 50 years of pastoral experience with people of varied experiences, which includes working with people of every age and sex, and having had the experience of administrative and management responsibilities in a variety of human service type



employment opportunities from being a pastor of a small community church of 13 members in Kansas, to assisting the Mayor of the second largest city in the state of New Jersey, serving as an aide to the Mayor and having served as the Director of the Department of Water for the City of Jersey City, New Jersey; working for the County of Hudson County, Division of Human Services in its welfare division; Working with families in stress as a Family Services Specialist with the Child Family Teams Inc. for the Hudson County area; and retired as a Conductor of the Port Authority of New York & New

Jersey, he therefore has acquired a vast amount of training and experience to affect the welfare of individuals, families and entire communities by helping to improving the quality of life for all.

Reverend Harrold founded and has been the pastor of the Interdenominational Christian Community Church of Jersey City for the past 30 years. Prior to founding ICC Church, Reverend Harrold served as pastor of Calvary CME Church of Jersey City, as well as churches in Michigan, New York, Connecticut, Kansas and Georgia. He was ordained Bishop in 1997 by Bishop Travis H. Smith of the Full Gospel Free Methodist Church. By his God given gifts of leadership, confidence and strength, Bishop Harrold has been the core of the churches durability. As pastor he led many church organization activities that includes; a creative worship experience for all of its members, marriage counseling, family counseling, substance abuse counseling, job counseling/placement assistance, and referral service to local city, county and state agencies.

Believing that faith without works is dead, Bishop Harrold has been committed to community involvement. He was actively involved in serving the total community by organizing and working with community organizations that provided food and clothing to needy members of the community many of which were homeless either by evictions, fires or other conditions beyond their control. He has served the community in many areas such as; President of the Lexington Avenue Block Association; member of the Policy Council and Social Service Committee of the Jersey City Development Centers Project Head Start; member of the Advisory Board for the Department of Human Resources Senior Companion Program; member of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce; member of the Board of Directors of Operation P.U.S.H; founding member of the Independent Political Associates of Jersey City; represented the C.M.E. Church to the National Council of the Churches of the Christ in U.S.A. serving on the planning committee of the National Working Group on Domestic Hunger and Poverty; served as the National Director of the Department of Audio Videos for the C.M.E. Church; member and Vice President of the Jersey City Human Rights Commission; First Vice-President of the Jersey City N.A.A.C.P.; President and Executive Director of the Concerned Clergy of Jersey City; past member and





Secretary of the Jersey City Minister's Alliance; a member of the Jersey City Mayor's Advisory Commission under the late Mayor Glenn Cunningham; President and C.E.O of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. Northern New Jersey Chapter; Past Master Prince Hall Mason for 36 years and has served in several capacities of the King Solomon Lodge #19 where he, and brothers of the King Solomon Lodge led over a thousand participants to the 1995 and 2005 Million Man March/ Million More Movement in Washington D.C. Having championed many community issues, he has not been afraid to speak to controversial matters, even when no one else would do so. Bishop Austin Harrold, a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, is the evidence of a life well lived in Christ.

Austin L. Harrold had an infectious smile. Some may wonder, what was the reasons behind that smile. Well, could it be the joy he had in organizing Halloween parties which many have fond memories of his infamous haunted house escapades. You can say he was not the typical pastor. Or could it be the love and care he put into preparing the annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa which many children from the neighborhood left the breakfast with enormous smiles of joy from not only receiving a delicious breakfast but walking away with gifts of various toys, game boards, bikes and many other items. Did you know that he was a chef? Well- known for his scrumptious barbeque ribs and homemade secret sauce along with the delectable deep fried turkey he enjoyed making for those memorable gatherings with family and friends. How about the way he was ready at any time to provide a helping hand? From renovating practically every church he set foot into to fixing/repairing items within his home or the homes of others. He was known as the father of the neighborhood. Providing guidance and care for all. Oh how he enjoyed his job as a PATH train Conductor. Many of his riders loved the way he interacted with them daily wishing them a great day as they departed from the train. Reminding them to be safe as they travel to their destinations and providing them with the weather report. Telling them to bring him back a hot dog if they were going to the game. Austin was indeed a well-rounded man, a kind man, a loving man, a family man and most of all a man of God.

Austin, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, pastor and friend rose to his home with our Heavenly Father on Saturday, July 16, 2016. He is most dearly missed and cherished here on Earth by his wife of 49 years, Gussie Harrold: three children, Sabrina L. Harrold of Jersey City, NJ, Austin A. Harrold (Pamela) of Spring Lake, NC, Sophia D. Harrold of Jersey City, NJ; nine grandchildren, Jasmine Butler, Jade Butler, Jenell Craddock, Ayonia Harrold, Akeria Harrold, Audriona Harrold, Dwayne Sabb Jr., Quiera DeVose and Delton DeVose; two great-granddaughters, Trinity DeVose and Noelle McCall; brother Edward (Bruce) Harrold (Connie) of Santa Clarita, CA; sister-in-law's, Alberta Williams of Cambridge, MA, Virginia Brown and Druecilla Williams of Queens, NY and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.



Order Service

Service

Tuesday, July 26, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

Calvary C.M.E. Church

25-29 Oak Street • Jersey City, New Jersey

Calvary C.M.E Church, 27 Oak Street Jersey City, NJ

Reverend Patricia DeGraffenreid, Pastor

Demetrius Jones – Officiating

Processional

Hymn of Praise..... Led by A. L. Harrold Chorus

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Edward Allen
Philemon Baptist Church, Newark, NJ

Selection..... Gerald Alston

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Reverend James Cameron
Interdenominational Christian Community Church

New Testament.....Reverend Daniel Cooper
Interdenominational Christian Community Church

Selection..... Jade Butler

Condolences, Resolution

and Obituary..... Jenell Craddock & Akeria Harrold
Granddaughters

Words of Expressions

The Eulogy..... Reverend John A. Dillard III
St. John C.M.E Church, Washington, D.C.

Final Viewing

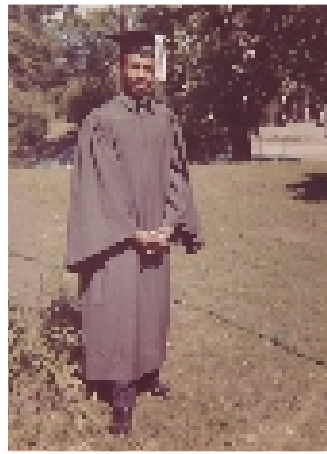
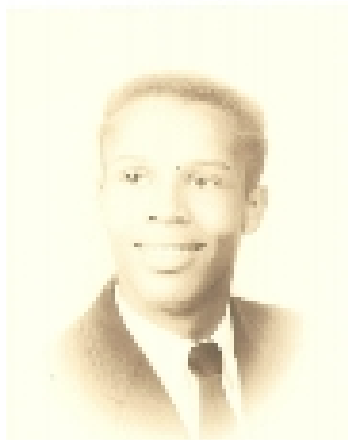
Selection..... A.L. Harrold Chorus

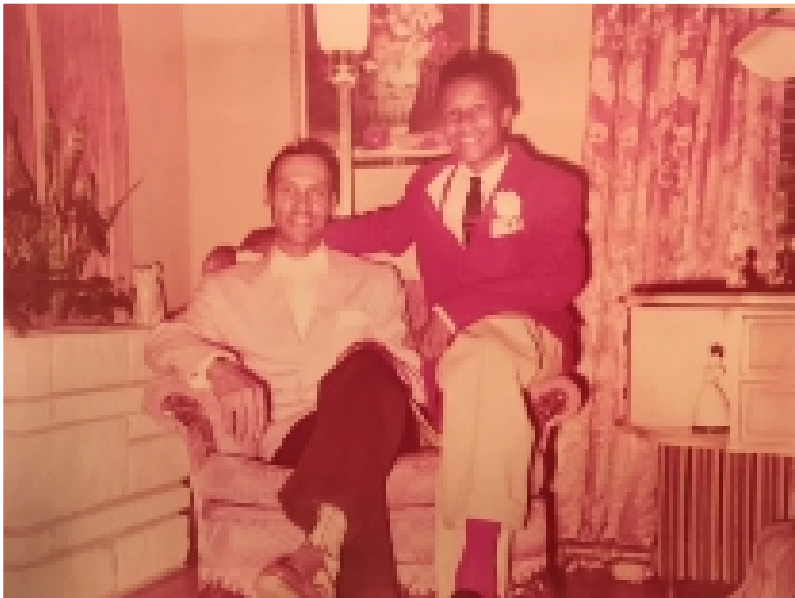
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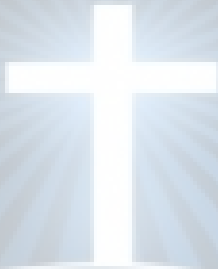
Recessional

Entombment

Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey







Pallbearers

Austin Harrold Jr.	Lance Williams
Dwayne Sabb Jr.	Floyd Newton
Kimble Harrold	Aaron Williamson

Honorary Pallbearers

Edward Bruce Harrold Sr.	Corey Harrold
Walter K. Harrold	Kenny Hicks
Edward Harrold Jr.	Willie Shaw
Scott Harrold	Rev. Luther Evans

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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