

A Celebration of Life
for
Milton Artis



Sunrise
August 27, 1927

Sunset
August 16, 2016

“Laughter, Joy, and Song”

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH

193 Haledon Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Alfred Steele, Pastor



Don't Cry For Me

Don't cry for me,
I will be okay,
Heaven is my home now,
And this is where I'll stay.

Don't cry for me,
I'm where I belong.

I want you to be happy
And try to stay strong.

Don't cry for me,
It was just my time.
But I will see you someday
On the other side.

Don't cry for me,
I am not alone.

The angels are with me
To welcome me home.

Don't cry for me,
For I have no fear.
All my pain is gone,
And Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry for me,
This is not the end.
I'll be waiting here for you,
When we meet again.

Organ Prelude

Processional

Prayer of ComfortReverend Wilbert Adams

SoloLarry Acco – “Precious Lord”

Old Testament ...Psalm 23: 1-6 - Reverend Wilbert Adams

New Testament2 Timothy 4: 7-8

SoloLaTasha Fraser – “Break Every Chain”

Acknowledgements/Reflections of Life Milton Artis
Travis Fraser

Musical SelectionChoir

Special Remarks.....Grandchildren

Remarks.....2 min each

SoloSammy (Moe Joe) Fields – “For All We Know”

Eulogy.....Minister Ronald Artis (Son)

SoloCoretta Lawrence

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Thursday, September 8, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
Fairlawn Cemetery
22-21 Maple Avenue
Fair Lawn, New Jersey



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On the Lord's Day, Tuesday, August 16, 2016, God called one of His own, **Milton Artis**, from labor to reward. Milton Artis, affectionately known as "Deano", was born on August 27, 1927 in West Norfolk, Virginia to the loving parents of John Sr. and Annie Elizabeth Artis. Milton was the third of four siblings (1 Brother-John Jr. and 2 Sisters-Rebecca Lee and Mildred Ann). He and his siblings were raised in Virginia and were educated in the Norfolk County Public School System.

In the summer of August 1950, at the age of 23, Milton relocated to the city of Paterson, New Jersey. Soon after, he was introduced to a beautiful woman by the name of Martha Ree Denson, they become one in marriage, and raised 5 children together (Charles, Moses, Milton Dean, Ronald, and Ann Elizabeth).

Milton was a man who was wholeheartedly and unconditionally committed to and worked hard to provide for his family. He was employed as a Chemical Operator at Merck Chemical Company for 31 years in the city of Hawthorne, NJ. Upon retirement, he refused to slow down, as he pursued a job as a Bartender. His personality spoke volumes, his smile and laughter was contagious, and needless to say he was a man who was known, befriended, and loved by many.

Milton's most sacred passion and favorite pastime was music, he not only found joy in listening to "good" music, he also loved to sing. Some of his favorite artists included the Mighty Clouds of

Joy, Shirley Caesar, Arthur Prysock, Billy Eckstine, Blue Magic, and the list goes on and on. Milton had a deeply rooted, personal love for music, which landed him in a musical group during the 1950's. He and his group traveled around to multiple states and performed at many venues. One of the songs, entitled Lavender Blue, made it all the way to the radio airwaves.

Milton was predeceased by his parents- John Sr. and Annie Elizabeth Artis, his beloved wife- Martha Ree (Denson) Artis, brother- John (wife, Louise) Artis Jr. of Paterson, NJ, sister- Rebecca Lee (husband, Luis) Adams of Suffolk, VA, sister- Mildred Ann (husband, Leon) Thompson of Portsmouth, VA, son- Charles Denson, son- Moses (wife, Linda) Wilborn, son- Milton Dean Artis, and great grandson Frankie Wilborn.

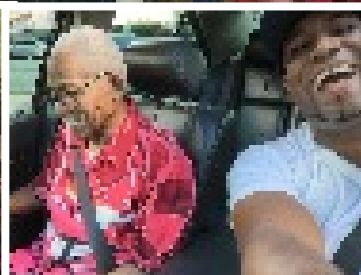
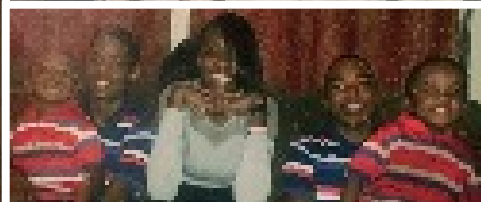
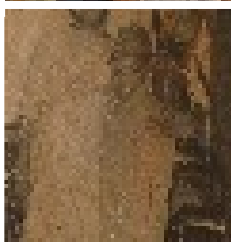
He leaves to celebrate the life he lived with one son, Ronald (wife, Gloria) Artis, one daughter Ann Elizabeth (husband, Arnett) Fraser of Paterson, one sister-in-law Rosa (husband, Willie) Robinson, 8 grandchildren Derrick Sr., Joyce, LaDeana, Milton, Melissa, Ronald, LaTasha, and Travis, 21 great grandchildren Derrick Jr., Gabrielle, Myels, Cameron, Tyshon, Rahneice, Quamir, Tahjmir, Jahmiere, Justyn, A'lanna, Javan, Amari, LaDaija, Kaliel, Makai, Naziyah, Ayonna, Olivia, and Mariyah, 3 great-great grandchildren Angel, Amauri, and Qua'vir, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins of Virginia, Paterson, California, and Canada.



LIFE REFLECTIONS







PRECIOUS MEMORIES



Pall Bearers

Ronald Artis, Jr.
Travis Fraser
Robert Lewis

Milton Artis, Jr.
Derrick Wilborn, Sr.
David Dixon

Scripture

“To everything there is a season, a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, a time to heal; a time to break down, a time to build up; a time to weep, a time to laugh; a time to mourn, a time dance; a time to cast away stone, a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, a time to refrain from embracing; a time to get, a time to lose; a time to keep, a time to cast away; a time to rend, a time to sew; a time to keep silent, a time to speak; a time to love, a time hate; a time of war, a time of peace”

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Acknowledgement

“Thank you” seems insufficient for the boundless gestures of kindness, generosity, and love that you have bestowed upon us during this trying time. The bible declares that God always sends comfort to those who are comfortless, and in times of turmoil, He promises to be there. You have added to this process with your prayers and presence. May the blessings of God return unto you ten-fold. Our family would also like to extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to Pastor Alfred E. Steele and First Lady Caroline Steele and the Seminary Baptist Church family. Thank you for opening up the doors of the church to our family. We love you all.

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