## In Loving Memory and Celebration of



# Robert Louis Marshall, Sr.

Sunrise: March 24, 1943
Sunset: February 9, 2017

Viewing: 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM Service: 6:30 PM

#### CHURCH OF GOD AND SAINTS OF CHRIST

85 Fountain Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11208 Evangelist Joseph R. Turner, Local Pastor Chief Rabbi Phillip E. McNeil, Executive Leader

# <u>Obituary</u>



**Robert Louis Marshall, Sr.** was born on March 24, 1943 in Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York to Luther Leonard Marshall and Gertrude Dorothy Marshall and was the oldest of nine children. He received his formal education in the New York City school system and attended East New York Vocational High School.

He joined the Church of God and Saints of Christ, Ninth Tabernacle, under the local pastorate of Evangelist-At-Large N.B. (Pop) Nelson and sang tenor in the choir. On May 22, 1965, he married Elaine Brooks and from this union came four children. For over ten years he worked for the New York City Housing Authority and then moved on and retired as an employee of Kings County Hospital. He had a special relationship with his family and took pride when they reached special milestones in their lives. He also loved to spend time with his family, but he knew how to let you know it was time for you to go. He would say, "Alright, I gotta cut you loose."

Robert was affectionately known as "Bobby" or "Uncle Bobby" to all who grew up with him in Marcy Projects. He loved baseball and played on a team coached by his father. When his health allowed, he enjoyed dancing and a good meal. He was the life of the party. He was an early riser and hard worker. He believed that if you were on time you were late, which is what he instilled in his family by his example. Whatever came his way, he responded with his signature, "it is what it is."

Robert passed this life peacefully on February 9, 2017 at the age of 73. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Sister Elder Elaine; six children, Michael, Dawn (deceased), Elder Robert Louis, Jr., Andre (Jessica), Shareta, and Latoya; six grandchildren, Dwana (Douglas), Natesha, Malachi, Gracie, Chamyri and Stephen; one great-grandchild, Taylor Rose; four brothers, Richard, Larry (Betty), Steven (Ruthie) and Elder David (deceased); four sisters, Jo-Ann, Sister Elder Linda Renee, Marion (deceased) and Terry; one aunt, Vera Hansley; one special friend, Hazel; two special brothers, Leroy Holmes and Leroy Saxon; and a host of relatives and friends.

# Order of Service



Processional

Selection by Choir

Prayer Elder Curtis Adair, Jr.

Selection by Choir

Scripture Readings Psalm 39 and Psalm 90 Elder Kerry McClure



Solo Chanetta Mason

Tributes Charlotte Reddick, Leroy Saxon, Stevie Marshall

> Solo Flora Mainor

Condolences Deborah Benson

Obituary Deborah Benson

> Solo April James

Eulogy Evangelist Joseph R. Turner

Final Viewing

Recessional



Mt. Rest Cemetery • Butler, New Jersey



### **Footprints**

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life

flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".

-Mary Stevenson

#### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Kevin Saxon Tony Marshall Barry Marshall Jerome Young, Sr.

## **Acknowledgement**

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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