



The Celebration of Life of
Alfred Davis

SUNRISE: February 19, 1933 - SUNSET: June 3, 2017

Saturday, June 10, 2017 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Senior Pastor
Donna Soaries, First Lady
First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens

771 Somerset Street
Somerset, NJ 08873



Obituary

God in His divine wisdom sent an angel of mercy to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, Rahway NJ on Saturday, June 3, 2017, to escort earthly saint, **Alfred Davis**, to eternal rest. Alfred was the only child born to the late Everline Jones and Casey Hardy on February 19, 1933 at St. Phillips Hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

Alfred received his education in the Chase City, Virginia School system, including Thyne Institute. At an early age, he was converted and joined Berean Baptist Church in Chase City, Virginia. While working as a school bus operator in Chase City, Alfred met and courted Sylestine Booker, a young teacher from Cumberland County, Virginia. In 1955, they married and settled in South Hill, Virginia where in 1956, one year later, their first son, Alfred Jr., was born. The young family soon relocated north to New Jersey so that Alfred could secure work to support his growing family. He connected to employment with RCA Corporation where he worked for 18 years, during which time two more sons, Darnell and Frizzell, were born. When RCA decided in the 1970's to relocate operations abroad, Alfred managed over time to gain stints of employment at Alcan Aluminum, Hyatt, General Motors, and Fedway Associates, where in April, 1998 after sixteen years he retired. Alfred throughout it all gave loving attribution to his wife of more than 61 years for her unwavering, stalwart support to undergird and sustain the institution of family during good as well as challenging times.

Together, Alfred and Sylestine embodied an unconditional love and unshakable faith which allowed the marriage to withstand the test of time and to proclaim the victory of keeping God first in their lives and in the lives of their sons. Nearly twenty years ago, his youngest son and First Baptist Church - Lincoln Gardens usher and trustee, Frizzell, walked with him from the basement of the old First Baptist Church upstairs to the main sanctuary to join the worship family at First Baptist Church.

From then on, Sunday after Sunday, Alfred enjoyed the worship experience from a pew near the rear of the sanctuary as much as his inseparable wife enjoyed the front accompanied by another son, Darnell, in a pew just steps from the front.

Alfred could not have loved his wife more nor could he have beamed with more pride in his three sons who themselves were inspired by both parents to adopt lifestyles of service to their communities and to our world as doctors (Alfred Jr. & Frizzell) and as an educator (Darnell), respectively. He was heapingly gratified by the union of one of his sons, Alfred Jr., to a loving wife, Dianna, and by the manifest joy of seeing his only grandchild, Alfred III, come of age as a young man growing in Christ.

Alfred beheld the Bible as the foundation of his quiet walk in faith and had several favorite scriptures. Among them, he and his wife instilled in his family the traditions of praying before every meal and of reciting the Lord's Prayer before dinners on Sunday.

Loving husband to Sylestine for just shy of 62 years, father to Alfred Jr. (Dianna), Darnell, and Frizzell, and grandfather to Alfred III, Alfred Davis and his legacy will continue to live on, in all who knew him and who get to acknowledge the giant footprints he left behind.

Order of Service

June 10, 2017

Presiding – Rev. Keenan Thomas, Associate Pastor
First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens

Musical Prelude..... Lawrence Allen

Opening Hymn “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”

Scriptures:

Old Testament – Job 1:8, 20-22.....Pastor Delores Allen Russell
New Zion Revival Temple, Newark, N.J.

New Testament – John 14:1-6.....Rev. Keenan Thomas

Selection.....“God Is”
Deacon William McLeod

Acknowledgments & Reading of the Obituary
Deaconess Sandra Hayes

Video Reflection

Selection..... “Stand”
Deacon William McLeod

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. DeForest B. Soaries Jr., Senior Pastor

Recessional.....“Remember Me”

*Repast will immediately follow the service in the
Rev. Charlie H. Brown, Jr. Fellowship Hall*



A NOTE TO PUNKINS

Farewell, Punkins !

I'll call your name many times out of custom of having you here with us at home as a partner in life for almost 62 years.

Reflections of our life together will remind me of how enjoyable it has been to create a life with you.

See you in heaven, of course,
when I get there.

A NOTE TO DAD

Thank you, Dad, for your unmitigated "stand"
for and with each of us, as a family.

Thank you for letting us know and feel,
by your steadfast reliance,
that we and what was best for us were all you ever wanted.

We pray that the rest of our days will honor
your boundless appreciation of life, your unwavering love,
and your God-inspired manhood.

We will love and miss you, always.

Acknowledgement

The Davis family wishes to thank the host of family members and friends from near and far whose attendance and expressions of condolence have conveyed great comfort. They wish also to thank Alfred's doctors & the RWJ-Rahway Hospital, Care One Highlands, and Kindred Hospital caregivers for their compassionate rendering in behalf of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, respectively. The Davis family is grateful beyond words to the respective pastors of First Baptist Church - Lincoln Gardens, Somerset, NJ and of Tearwallet Baptist Church, Cumberland, VA and their comfort ministries for their care, comfort, and abundant provision to host the celebration of Alfred Davis.

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