

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

PROPHET

Salaman C. Phifer, Sr.

FOUNDER - HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, PASTOR EMERITUS

Sunrise
July 12, 1931

Sunset
August 9, 2017

Thursday, August 17, 2017 - 3:00 p.m.

Holy Spirit Church

164 Spring Street • Ossining, NY 10562

Rev. Dr. Mary A. Phifer, Pastor

Service Held At:

Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church

304 Spring Street • Ossining, NY 10562

Rev. Shaun Ellison Jones M.Div., Pastor

Life Reflections

Solomon Crooms Phifer, Sr. of Ossining, New York passed away on August 9, 2017. He was 86 years old. Solomon was born on July 12, 1931 to his parents Mary Jane Crooms and William Phifer of New Bern, North Carolina.

He was educated in New Bern and was the class president and captain of the football team. Solomon graduated in June 1950 as the valedictorian of West Side High School. In 1951, he was drafted into the United States Marine Corps where he went through basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina. He served as a coder and decoder in the Korean War. There Solomon had a near death experience when the button on his coat was caught on a grenade. The grenade never went off and this event became a part of his testimony about how God saved his life. In 1953, he completed his active duty as a sergeant and received the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Medal. After honorably serving his country, Solomon started college at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He later transferred to Howard University in Washington, D.C. He graduated in June of 1958, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa.

Solomon preached his trial sermon on December 17, 1958 at his home church, the Star of Zion Baptist Church in New Bern, North Carolina. In 1961, he graduated from Howard University School of Religion with a Bachelor of Divinity degree that would later be recognized as a Master's Degree. While finishing Divinity school, he served as the Junior Church Pastor at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. On October 14, 1961, he became an ordained Baptist minister by a Council of Baptist Churches of the Baptist Minister's Association.

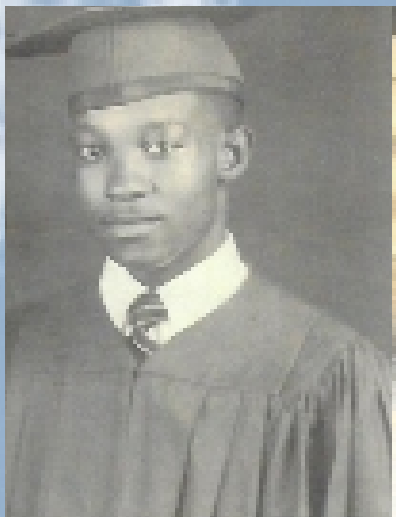
On November 12, 1962, Rev. Phifer married Elizabeth Louise Tracy of Lake Lynn, Pennsylvania at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. He was then called to Seattle, Washington where he pastored the Washington Park Baptist Church. He also worked for the U.S. Civil Service Commission. Pastor Phifer was later called to Omaha, Nebraska where he pastored two churches- the Wesley United Methodist Church and Ames

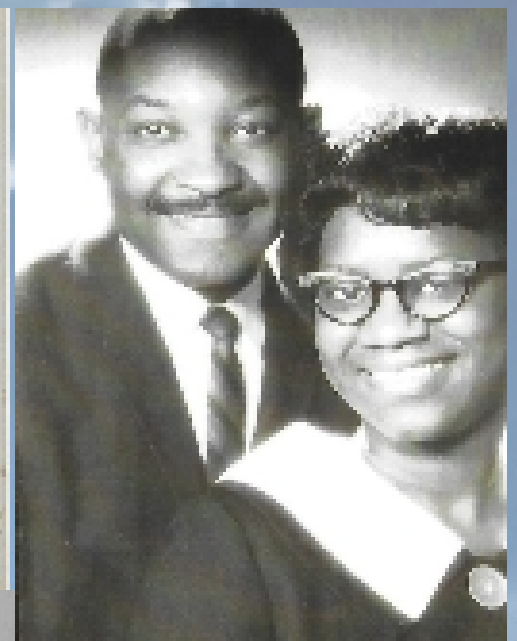
United Methodist Church. In 1972, Rev. Phifer was called to Mount Vernon, New York where he pastored Asbury United Methodist Church. In 1974, Rev. Phifer moved his family to Ossining, New York where he pastored St. Matthew's United Methodist Church.

Then in 1978, Rev. Phifer founded Faith New Testament Fellowship Church with his family and faithful supporters. He exercised his spiritual gifts in healing and the gift of the word of knowledge as a regular part of the service. God continued to bless the congregation and the name was later changed to Holy Spirit Church. Rev. Phifer was recognized as the spiritual adviser to many people in the Christian community. He was the Prophet who answered the question, "*Is there any word from the Lord?*" (Jeremiah 37:17, KJV). In addition, he authored two books, *Just Can't Keep it to Myself* and *How God Sees the World System*. Although he retired from the pastorate when he became ill, he continued his life's work ministering the gospel of Jesus Christ until the day he died.

Prophet Phifer is survived by his devoted wife, Elizabeth Tracy Phifer and their eight (8) loving children: Solomon Jr. (Gabrielle), Angela Phifer Ford, Christopher (Wanda), Lisa Phifer Silver, Mary, Lori (James) McDowell, Jr., Gabriel (Janet), and Elizabeth (Ernest) Thompson, III. Seventeen (17) grandchildren: Brittany Ford, Ashley Phifer, Solomon (Tatiana) Phifer, III, Paris Ford, Alexandria Phifer, Kqua'Sheen McDowell, Brandon Ford, Everett Silver, Jr., Aarin Phifer, Alexandra Phifer, James McDowell, III, Johnathan McDowell, Joseph McDowell, Christopher Phifer, II, Elise Thompson, Ernest Thompson, IV and Evan Thompson. Six (6) great-grandchildren: Parisia Hutchinson, Santos Garcia, Xavier Phifer-Bledsoe, Camille Phifer-Bledsoe, Kahari McDowell, and Ny'Air Burks. He is also survived by siblings, many cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws, church family and friends. Prophet Phifer was predeceased by his parents, his twin brother Samuel, his sister Nettie Lane, and brother Henry Crooms.

He was a God loving man that prayed, preached the word of God, loved his wife and family and wanted everyone to be saved from sin. The angel that God placed in our lives has gone back to heaven. We truly thank God for the gift He gave us in Prophet Solomon C. Phifer, Sr.





Order of Service

Organ Prelude Rhashon McLean

Processional of the Family of Prophet Solomon C. Phifer, Sr. led by Pastor Mary A. Phifer
Daughter

*Invocation Elder James E. McDowell, Jr., Presiding
Son-in-law

Musical Selection.....Phifer Grandchildren
Deacon Solomon C. Phifer, III (organist)
Xavier Phifer-Bledsoe (bongos), Everett Silver Jr. (drummer)

*Scripture Reading

Old Testament Reading - Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Ernest L. Thompson, III
Son-in-law

New Testament Reading - I Corinthians 15:50-57.....Alexandra Phifer
Granddaughter

Musical Selection Christopher D. Phifer, II
Grandson

Prayer of Comfort Deacon John F. McCray
Spiritual Son

Musical Selection Brittany A. Ford
Granddaughter

Acknowledgements, Condolences & Resolutions Angela Phifer Ford
Daughter

Shared Memories of Prophet Solomon C. Phifer, Sr.

Minister Corlis Miles- *Niece*

Minister Sharme Douglas- *Spiritual Daughter*

Rev. Julian & Keila Stevens- *Spiritual Children*

Lori Phifer McDowell- *Daughter*

Obituary Reading Minister Lisa Phifer Silver
Daughter

Family Expressions Elizabeth Phifer Thompson
Daughter

Family Tribute Song Phifer Family
Elder Solomon C. Phifer, Jr. (organist) and Deacon Solomon C. Phifer, III (keyboard)

Eulogy Pastor Christopher D. Phifer
Son

Benediction Elder Solomon C. Phifer, Jr.
Son

*Recessional

The family will receive friends and family immediately after the service in the fellowship hall.

* *Congregation Standing*

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

- *Unknown*

Pall Bearers

- Deacon Solomon C. Phifer, III
- Brandon A. Ford
- Everett Silver, Jr.
- Minister John V. Carlin
- Nicholas D. Creegan
- Thomas M. Creegan

Organists/Keyboard

Elder Solomon C. Phifer Jr.

Deacon Solomon C. Phifer III

Rhashon McLean

Drums/Bongos

Everett Silver Jr. Xavier Phifer-Bledsoe

In Lieu of Flowers

The family requests donations be made in memory of

Prophet Solomon C. Phifer, Sr.

to:

Holy Spirit Church
164 Spring Street
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Thank You

The family of Prophet Solomon C. Phifer, Sr. wishes to thank all of you for your many expressions of kindness. Please know that your loving presence has given us much support and comfort.

Special Thanks to:

Our Local and Out-of-Town Family & Friends
Hospice of Westchester
Holy Spirit Church Family
Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church
Jeff Cadge- www.cadgeproductions.com
Samuel Stewart - www.honoryou.com
Rubrums Florists Ltd.

INTERMENT

Friday, August 18, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

Calverton National Cemetery

210 Princeton Road

Calverton, New York

(Meeting at Dorsey Funeral Home at 8:00a)

Professional Services Provided By:
Dorsey Funeral Home
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