

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Apostle
Gregory Capers, Sr.



Sunrise
March 4, 1956

Sunset
August 10, 2023

Thursday, August 31, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Paterson Assembly of God
385 Park Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey

OBITUARY

To know that my family and friends have gathered today to help celebrate my amazing life, pleases me and I know that it brings joy and comfort to my loved ones.

Junior High School 72 in Jamaica Queens, NY. After the death of my sister, my mother sent me and my younger brother (Leon) to Lamar, South Carolina for a fresh start and to continue my education, a few years later, I returned to NY to finish my education. Because I knew the Lord and thanked him from delivering me from the ills of this world, I can share my story in hopes that it will be a testimony as well as a help to lead others to change that can be delivered through the love of Jesus, "The Christ". I chose to numb my pain through substance abuse and life's problems, however, hearing the Lord's voice, I attended a program called "Teen Challenge", due to my mother. After much prayer from my mother (Evangelist. W. Capers) and hearing the Lord's voice, on a cold November Day, (11.22.1972), I submitted to the Lords will and my life changed forever. In 1977, I graduated from Youth Challenge Bible Institute located in Sunbury, PA. While at a Christian camp in upstate NY, my life would, forever be changed, I met the woman, who would become my life mate, my wife and partner Lourdes Capers, whom I would share 45 amazing years of my life as well as three wonderful children (Danielle Nicole, Gregory Jr. and Emanuel). In 1982, I attended The Berean Bible College at the First Assembly of God and obtained a Diploma in Biblical Studies. In 1994, I graduated with four (4) degrees from Springfield College in Springfield, MA and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services.

I was blessed to have shared over twenty-five years of fruitful ministry for the NJ District of the Assemblies of God, where I had an opportunity to spread the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ as well as helping other young ministers get their start in spreading the word of God and adding to his kingdom, all of this being done as the first African American director of the Northeast Region for Teen Challenge. I later enrolled in the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, majoring in Biblical Theology, I had the honor of serving the parish of the Paterson Assembly of God for over twenty-two years as her Senior Pastor, starting out with six faithful members and it grew in ways that only God could get the glory for. Having manifested in a vibrant youth organization, a daycare center with over fifty-five children, and fifteen outreach ministries as a vision that only the Lord could provide. I also served as Pastor of New Birth Baptist Church of Paterson, NJ and my final assignment was Urban Life Ministries of Paterson, NJ.

I have had a very good life full of love and the blessings of being a faithful servant of God. I was employed as a Corrections Officer for Trenton State Prison, until the Lord called me to full time ministry. I also worked for Youth Services Bureau alongside Alonzo Moody and a brief stint with DYFS. After a long illness and I heard the Lord's cry "Well done thy good and faithful Servant" I answered his call and returned home. I know that my absence physically will leave a void, just know, that my work on earth is done and it is well with my soul.

I am preceded in death by my father, Robert Capers, my stepfather; Waverly Coleman, Sr., my daughter; Danielle Nicole, granddaughter; Shaunee Capers and my sister; Rosa Mae Capers.

I leave to cherish my memory and continue my story and life's work. My lovely wife; Lourdes Capers, my sons; Gregory A. Capers, Jr. and his wife Chaka Capers, Emanuel D. Capers and his wife Christina Capers, grandchildren; Gregory III (Tank), Jenuwin, Tyler, Zy'Ira, Leah, Ashton, Aubrey, Scott and Emanuel, Jr., my siblings; Robert Lee Capers, Jr. (Deborah), Hudson, NY, Ernestine Easter, Delores Williams, of Rosedale, NY, Leon Capers (Mary), Newark, NJ, Waverly Coleman Jr. (aka, Teddy), Maywood, NJ, Patricia Coleman (Darryl), North Carolina, and Christopher Coleman, South Carolina, brother-in-law; Jeffery Wilson (Ingrid), Paterson, NJ, and a host of aunts and uncles and an incredible group of nieces and nephews that showed an unwavering relationship with their uncle. A community of friends and colleagues that had an everlasting imprint on my life. To Rev. Bobby and First Lady Janice Moore, thank you for a lifetime of friendship and love to me and my family and my very friend, William Waller, my forever prayer is that God continues to bless and keep you.

I know that my leaving creates a void, and I can only hope that each of you live your life loving God and each other as I have. Keep faith, love, and humor forever in your hearts, lean on the Lord and keep prayer in your heart and know that I have fought the good fight.

I Love you All Until We Meet Again.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional of Clergy and Family

Sealing of the Bier

Call to Worship/Invocation: Rev. Johnny Sledge - Paterson Assembly of God Church

Congregational Hymn- Take The Lord With You

**Old Testament Reading - Psalm 23
Pastor Kelly Brown - Paterson Assembly of God Church**

**New Testament Reading -John 14;1-6
Elder Thomas Owusu - Paterson Assembly of God Church**

Prayer of Comfort - Pastor Alfred Steele - Seminary Baptist Church, Paterson

Acknowledgements - Pastor Nicole Anthony

Selection

**Words of Tribute
Pastor Mitchell Green - Paterson Assembly of God Church
Pastor Douglas Maven - First AME Zion of Paterson Church
Pastor Jerry Wilder - Grace of Restoration Church of Paterson
Pastor Barry Graham - Canaan Baptist Church of Paterson
Chief Alonzo Moody (AL)**

Selection - Dr. Tammy Williams The Lord's Prayer

**Words of Tribute
Honorable Jeffery Jones Former Mayor of the city of Paterson
Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly of the 35th District
Melody Lavon**

Selection: Dr. Tammy Williams

Message of Comfort Rev. Dr. Bobby Moore Pastor of Paterson Assembly of God Church

Closing Selection - Open The Flood Gates of Heaven

INTERMENT

Laurel Grove Cemetery
295 Totowa Road
Totowa, New Jersey



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late **Apostle Gregory Capers, Sr.** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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