In Loving Memory of

Pastor Allen Bernard Bates, Sr.

Friday, June 15, 2012

Visitation: 10:00 A.M. *Service: 11:00 A.M.*

St. Lawrence Church of God In Christ

7400 South St. Lawrence - Chicago, IL

Bishop James E. Washington, Officiating

Obituary

Pastor Allen Bernard Bates, Sr. was born October 17, 1921 in Liberty, Mississippi. He was the second son of nine children born to the union of Charles and Lillie Bates. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, two brothers and one sister.

He served his country in the United States Army in World War II until he was Honorably Discharged in 1946. He accepted Christ at an early age.

Allen, Sr. and Irene were married over sixty years.

His devotion to God led him to be a dedicated Pastor of St. Lawrence Church of God In Christ for twenty-eight years.

For thirty-nine years Allen was employed at the Post Office. He retired in 1984.

Allen, Sr. was born into eternity on June 10, 2012 at 3:12 p.m.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted and loving wife, Irene; five sons: Willie (Denise), Allen II (Veronica), Larry Sr., Kermit Sr. (Rena) and LaSean; sixteen grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, four sisters: Wilma, Carrie, Vivian and Velma; one brother Flozell (Glenda); three sisters-in-law: Ruth (James) Markham, Johnnie Mae (Conner) Londy and Geraldine Porche; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude	*Brian Daniels*
Processional	
Invocation	*Pastor Rayford Pointer*
Scriptures	*Old Testament.....Elder Willie Marlow* *New Testament .....Deacon Samuel Boley*
Mistress of Ceremony	*Pastor Denise Abrams*
Tribute	*Kermala Bates*
Acknowledgment of Cards, Telegrams & Resolutions	*Pastor Denise Abrams*
Presentation of Pulpit (Two Minutes, Please)	*Pastor Rayford Pointer*
Solo	*Jameisha Trice*
Poem	*Kermeia Bates*
Words of Encouragement (Three Minutes, Please)	*Rev. Dr. Jacqueline E. Anderson*
Obituary	*Read In Silence*
Solo	*Yvette Green*
Tribute	*Rena Bates*
Eulogy	*Bishop James E. Washington*
Parting View	
Benediction	
Recessional	

Interment: Mt. Hope Cemetery
115th & Fairfield - Chicago, IL
Immediately Following Service

Pallbearers

Eric Jackson
Donyea Abrams

Avian Abrams
Larry Bates, Jr.

Kermit Bates, II
Darius Bates

Honorary Pallbearers

Travis Bates
Vincent Abrams, Sr.

Allen Bates, III

Vincent Abrams, Jr.
Jason Abrams

You protected us in action and word and filled our hearts with a love for God. Everyday showing us what a man of God looks like, what he sounds like, how he loves, and whom. You celebrated us in every way. Not one birthday or graduation did you ever miss and when mommy and daddy couldn't you even came and got me when I was sick! Even though with us you no longer dwell I'll know which angel got his wings next time I hear even the faintest bell. A great man of God you were to most, but to me you were granddaddy and to me that meant the absolute most.
Thank you Granddad for all your Patience, Grace, Guidance and Love.
You will always and forever be treasured in our hearts.

Your Granddaughter, Saundra

Acknowledgment

The family expresses our most sincere appreciation for every act of kindness; your prayers, phone calls, flowers, words of comfort, and love you've shown during this time of bereavement.
May God bless every one of you.

~ Arrangements and Directions Entrusted To ~

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