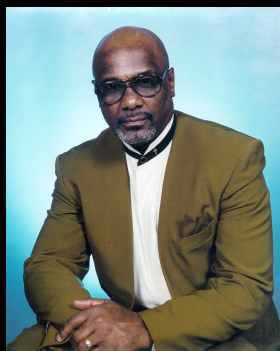
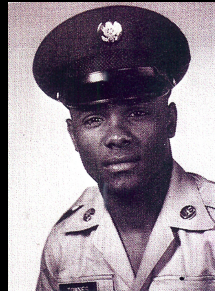
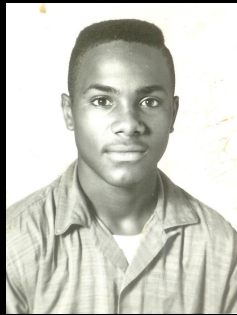
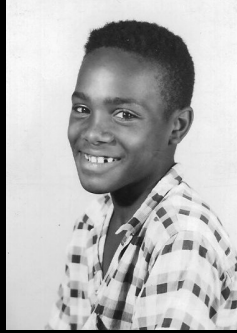


MEMORIES...



PSALM 23

King James Bible

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparast a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.



Pallbearers

Northern Missionary Baptist Church Deacons
Select Family Members

Acknowledgements


The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

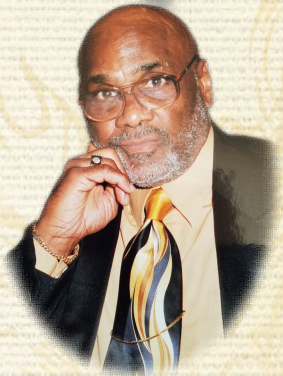
The Family of Rev. Samuel Townes

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IN
LOVING
MEMORY



SAMUEL TOWNES
March 4, 1948 - December 7, 2017

SERVICE
Monday, December 18, 2017 – 11:00 AM CST
Northern Missionary Baptist Church
3333 Clara Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63120 USA
Officiating – Rev. Dr. Harold J. Butler

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude
Processional
Prayer – Rev. Joseph Taylor
Hymn of Comfort – Sister Alberta Woodson
Scripture Reading
 Old Testament – Rev. Jerrell Montgomery
 New Testament – Pastor Eugene Greer III
Selection – Saxophone rendition of “Amazing Grace”
 Performed by Freddie Washington
Acknowledgements of Cards & Condolences
 Hazel “Tutti” Townes Dalton
 George Townes
 Geraldine Franklin
 Minister Peggy Washington
Obituary Reading – In Silence
Selection – Performance by Northern MB Choir
Selection – “Order My Steps”
 Performed by Alfreda Wilbon
Eulogy
 Cantrese Moore and Sidney Powell III
 Malcolm Shabazz Townes
 Pastor Dr. Harold J. Butler
Final Viewing
Benediction
Recessional

INTERMENT

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
2900 Sheridan Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63125 USA

OBITUARY

Rev. Samuel Townes, 69, of O’Fallon, Missouri, was born in 1948 in Steele, Missouri. Family and friends called him “Sammy” or “Sam”. He was the youngest son and second youngest child of Augustus Townes, Sr. and Robbie Lee Williams Townes. Growing up his family was poor and picked cotton to survive. Small in stature and strong-willed, Sam adored both his parents and was extremely close to his mother. But his relationship with his father became strained in his teenage years. In 1965, he went to live in Chicago with one of his older sisters to finish high school.

Deeply saddened by the murder of an uncle to whom he was particularly close, Sam dropped out of high school one month shy of graduation (he would later earn his GED) and joined the United States Army. He was awarded the Purple Heart after being severely wounded in Vietnam.

In 1970, Sam married his first wife, Carolyn Lavern Malone and together they raised a son. After being honorably discharged in 1971, Sam began an almost 20-year career with Brown Shoe Company, where he was an office manager and assistant plant manager. As a young man, he suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and struggled with alcoholism. But eventually he found his way back to God, overcame alcoholism, and joined Northern Missionary Baptist Church where he became a deacon.

After he and his first wife divorced, Sam married Patricia Louise Smith in 1994 and his family expanded to include four step-children. He and Patricia were happily married for 23 years. During this time, Sam began a second career as a postal clerk with the United States Postal Service where he was employed for over 20 years. He and Patricia were active together in church and devoutly religious. Sam continued his religious studies and was ordained a minister in 1997. He earned an Associate of Arts in Christian Theology, a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counseling, and a Master of Theology from Glad Tidings Bible College. He eventually went on to become a reverend.

Sam passed away on December 7, 2017 in his home in O’Fallon, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and half-sister from his father’s first marriage (Grace Odessa Townes Oatis).

Sam is survived by his wife (Patricia Louise Townes), his son from his first marriage (Malcolm Shabazz Townes), his step-children (Lawanda Powell, Sidney Powell III, Cantrese “Candy” Moore, and Ricardo Powell), his mother-in-law (Frieda Smith), his siblings (Pearl Townes Felder, Hazel “Tutti” Townes Dalton, Augustus Townes, Jr., George W. Townes, Bobby L. Townes, and Jacqueline Townes McGee), as well as a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Northern Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri on Monday, December 18, 2017. Interment will follow in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Immediately following the interment, a repass will be held at Northern Missionary Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital or the charity of one’s choice.

AFTER GLOW

I'd like the memory of me,
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles, when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind
When life is done.

ISAIAH 40:29-31

King James Bible

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no
might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the
young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their
strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk,
and not faint.

