



"Unc"

*Of all the many blessings
However great or small
To have had you for an uncle*



*Was the greatest one of all.
The family chain is broken now
And nothing seems the same
But as God takes us one by one
The chain will link again.....*



*"Come to me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest. Take
my yoke upon you and learn from me, for
I am gentle and humble in heart, and you
will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is
easy and my burden is light."*

Matthew 11:28-30

In Loving Memory of *Leon "Unc" Hill*



Homegoing Service

Sunrise

February 8, 1932

Sunset

January 10, 2023

Saturday – January 21, 2023

Viewing: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Memorial Service: 12:00 PM

ST. MATTHEW'S BAPTIST CHURCH

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(FORMERLY MACOMBS PLACE)**

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Obituary

Leon “Unc” was preceded in death by his parents, Nelson and Lucille Hill, Margaret Hill, one brother Sylvester Hill and one sister, Geraldine Hill.

He leaves to cherish his memory, 5 sons, Kenneth Ray, Sylvester, Leon Jr., David and Gregory; 5 grandchildren, Leon III, David II, Gregory II, Devon, and Surlaney; and 9 great grandchildren. 5 brothers, Milford “Bubba” (Sandra), Richard “Butch”, William “Bill”, Lamont “Beaver”, Quinton “Bucky”; 5 sisters, Jean Taylor, Wanda Woodward, Dessa Westbrook, Cathay Hill, Exzetta Stepeny (Keith); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and 2 very special friends, Sister Marilyn Paul Brown and Sister Carrie (Kat) Montgomery; as well as many other friends and family members.

Leon joined St. Matthew’s Baptist Church in 2008. He was a dedicated active member who was very supportive of his church, and served in the missionary ministry. In June of 2017, he was honored at Eastwood Manor in the Bronx as a seasoned saint.

Leon had an eye for fashion and took pride in and looked forward to dressing up when he stepped out. Unc loved to fish with his nephews Frankie and Reggie and his late brother Sylvester. Leon enjoyed watching and talking about baseball with his great nephew George Banks “Lil Frankie”. Leon loved to travel and looked forward to his annual trips to El Reno, Oklahoma, to attend the birthday celebration for his stepmother Margaret, whom he was very close to and considered her as his mother. Unc was also very close to his nieces Renee and Verdell. Renee would often accompany him on his annual El Reno trips.

Leon was called home on January 10, 2023. He was 2nd of 3 children born to the late Nelson and Lucille Slaten. After Lucille’s early demise, Nelson married Margaret Perkins and had 10 children from that union.

Leon was born February 8, 1932 in Geary, Oklahoma and attended school at Booker T. Washington in El Reno. Leon enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1948, where he served until May 1955. He reached the rank of staff sergeant at the age of 18. Unc served in the Korean War and spent some time in Germany. After leaving the military, Unc resided in Seattle Washington and had 5 sons with Mary Parker whom he married in 1960.

In December 1964, Unc moved to New York City to be closer to his big brother Sylvester, and pursued a career as a painter, employed by NYCHA (New York City Housing Authority).

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Derrell Lelie, Organist
The Processional.....Soft Music



We Prepare to Worship

Invocation.....Minister James W. Bernard
Hymn of Praise.....“May the Work I’ve Done”Choir
Scripture Readings
Old Testament: Psalm 23.....Rev. Shirley Ruffin
New Testament: Philippians 3: 20-21.....Deacon Mirian Cooper
Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Nataline Vanderburg -
Chairperson
Solo.....Derrell Lelie, Organist



We Remember

Remarks and ReflectionsTwo (2) Minutes Please
Hymn.....“Amazing Grace”Choir
Acknowledgement of Cards & Church Resolution.....Sister Shirley
Jefferson – Church Clerk
Obituary.....Trustee Mildred Sass - Chairperson

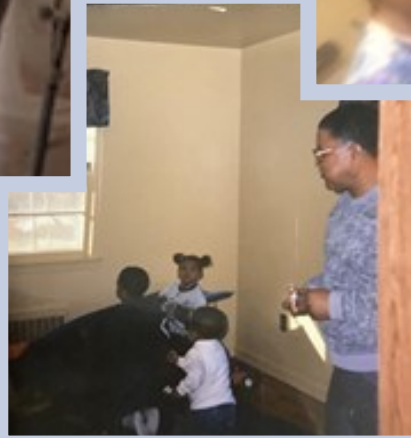
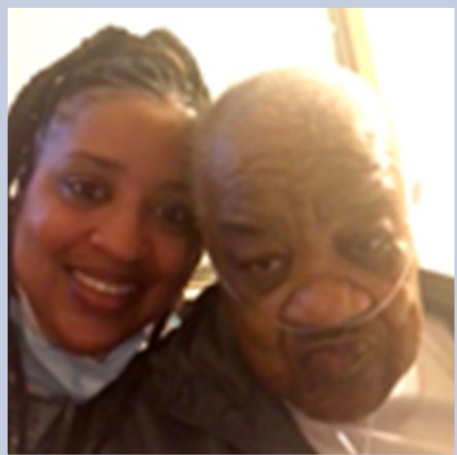
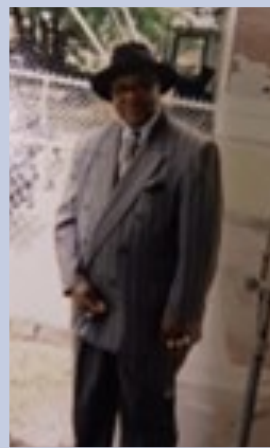


We Hear the Word

Hymn.....I’ll Fly Away.....Choir
The Eulogy.....Rev Lisa Jenkins Brown, Senior Pastor
Final Viewing
Benediction

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
273 Lakeview Ave., Valhalla, NY 10595



We Remember Unc!

