

Celebration of Life



Ivory L. Dewitt, Sr.

07.26.1931 11.27.2016

FUNERAL SERVICE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016
VIEWING 8AM - SERVICE 10AM

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THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

Ivory Lee DeWitt, Sr.

Life to be Born: Ivory Lee DeWitt, Sr. was born on July 26, 1931 in Horry County, South Carolina to the late Mary and G. DeWitt and he peacefully departed his earthly life after a short illness on November 27, 2016. He was baptized at an early age in Wampee, South Carolina.

Life to Learn: Ivory was educated in the Horry County School System and he then served in the United States Army where he received an honorable discharge. Ivory then relocated to Philadelphia, PA where he met and married his beloved wife, Elizabeth Christian, on June 4, 1959. The couple was married nearly 50 years before Elizabeth preceded him in death. From this union, son, Ivory Jr. and daughter, Lisa, were born. Ivory Jr., preceded him in death on August 1, 2016.

Life to Work: Ivory was a hardworking man who worked at the Allen Steele Company for many years. He then went on to launch his own business, DeWitt Enterprises, in Lansdowne, PA that specialized in home construction and renovations.

Life to Serve: Ivory was a member of the Monumental Baptist Church located in West Philadelphia, PA. where he took his family. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Darby for many years. His ministry of service was to instruct, build a cross and any other work that was needed. He loved the Lord and HIS people. When Ivy and Ivory were younger he would take them to Sunday school and stay there to always support all their Sunday School programs. For the last two years, at the urging of his granddaughter, Synia who he called "Kaniya", he started to faithfully attending First Baptist Church in Sharon Hill, PA where his daughter, Lisa, serves as Senior Usher Ministry Leader. His sister-in-law, Virgie Medley, serves on the Flower Guild and B.W. Watkins Scholarship Ministry. Ivory's greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren, Ivory, Ivy and Synia who all affectionately referred to him as "Gramps". He loved traveling to different cities such as Chicago and he also loved going to the beach in Ocean City, MD.

Life To Remember: He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Lisa Eley, grandchildren, Ivy Lea, Ivory, III, Synia and Ivory Jr.; daughter-in-law, Katrina Durham-DeWitt, brother-in-laws LeMar Christian (Detroit) John Montgomery (Chicago) and brother-in-laws, Virgie Medley (Philadelphia) & Joyce Christian (Detroit); nephew who was his other son, Angelo Outlaw; nieces Angela & Linda Medley & Diana Mandly who he spent every family holiday together and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends who all will miss him dearly. His son's goddaughter Anna Austin who loved him from the time she was born called him Gramps. In the last few years many extended daughters and sons who affectionately called him Pops, Pops or Dad and he lit up when he saw them all. He said, they were all so nice and that his daughter Lisa who he affectionately called, "Baby" had some really true friends. He was ready to see Jesus. Rest on Daddy, we know you are still here with us.

Lovefully Submitted, The Family



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL OF CLERGY & FAMILY

VIEWING OF THE BIER CLAUDE J. EDNEY FUNERAL HOME STAFF

OPENING HYMN "BLESSED ASSURANCE"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE OLD TESTAMENT – PSALM 23 - MINISTER ANNA AUSTIN, BAPTIST WORSHIP CENTER

THE NEW TESTAMENT – JOHN 14:1-6 – MINISTER DENNIS HOLLOMAN, FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

PRAYER OF COMFORT REV. ROBERT BARNES, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DARBYP

PROFESSION OF FAITH THE COMFORT CHOIR

ACKNOWLEDGMENT, RESOLUTIONS & OBITUARY

REFLECTIONS (PLEASE LIMIT YOUR REFLECTIONS TO TWO (2) MINUTES)

CARLETTA MASON, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DARBYP

IVY & IVORY DEWITT (GRANDCHILDREN)

REV. RODNEY MONTGOMERY (NEPHEW FROM MAYWOOD, IL)

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MESSAGE OF GOOD NEWS PASTOR RICHARD A. DENNEY

BENEDICTION AND RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT MT. LAWN CEMETERY SHARON HILL, PA

REPAST WITH THE FAMILY IN THE AGAPE FELLOWSHIP HALL

PALL BEARERS

DEACON JOE BURCH - IVORY LEE DEWITT, III - BOBBY HAMMOND

HAMMIE LOADHOLT - REV. RODNEY MONTGOMERY - ANGELO OUTLAW



"He Only Took My Hand"

I of you who cared for me, Please take heed and hear me,

He didn't take me from you, "He only took my hand". When I called out in pain that night, the instant that I died, God

led down to me, and pulled me to the side. He pulled me up and saved me from all misery and pain. My body hurt

I could never be the same. My search is really over now, for I've found happiness within. All the answers to my

questions and all that might have been. I love you all and miss you so. And I'll always be nearby. My body's gone forever

My spirit will never die. And so, you must go on now, live only one day at a time. Please try to understand God did

take me from you, "He only took my hand". Daddy I am so grateful God blessed us with these last few years

He'll make new memories. Rest on you are at peace.

Loving Daughter, Lisa Eley

"From The Grandchildren"

We always pray for our loves ones to make it,

Even if there is doubt, we hope that they will make it.

Our grandfather made it - he made it all the way home.

I can't think of a better place for him to call home.

Where he will be safe in God's arms, away from all harm.

Cherished, loved, and protected in a place full of mirth and charm.

For now, it's our loss, but it is heaven's gain.

We wait patiently and joyfully for the time we will meet him again.

We love you Gramps, and all that you've done for us.

And we know that you are dancing and celebrating with the rest of our family and friends in heaven again.

Ivy Lea, Ivory Lee DeWitt, III, Logan Bagley DeWitt & Synia Elizabeth Eley.



Acknowledgements

With deep and heartfelt appreciation, the family of the late Ivory Lee DeWitt, Sr, gratefully acknowledges the many acts of kindness and sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement. My Dad would always say there are really some nice people at First African Baptist Church. Thanks for your kindness your calls, visits, cards and all of the meals. May God continue to bless and keep you. He is resting in HIS arms.



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