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DEACON SAMUEL NDERSON JR.

ASSIGNED TO SERVE June 4, 1937 ASSIGNMENT COMPLETED January 4, 2013

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DEACON SAMUEL ANDERSON, JR.

Samuel Anderson, Jr. was born on June 4, 1937 in Memphis, Tennessee to the late Samuel Anderson, Sr. and the late Dorothy Nelms Henderson (James T. Henderson). In the early 1950's, Sam's family relocated to Chicago, Illinois and later made their permanent home in Buffalo, New York.

In the late 1950's as a young adult, Sam began his career as an amateur boxer. He was a Lightweight fighter and joined the Golden Gloves under the leadership of Johnny Green. He later became employed with the Ford Motor Plant and then General Motors Tonawanda Engine Plant where he worked until his retirement in 2001.

In 1980, Sam married the love of his life, Bessie Nelson. Sam and Bessie were inseparable and shared 31 years of happiness until Bessie's passing in March of 2012.

Having given his life to the Lord, Sam became a member of Friendship Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Reverend A.C. Ware. In addition to serving as a Sunday School teacher and a Deacon, Sam had a personal calling and ministry - on Sunday afternoons he could always be found visiting the sick and shut-in. His uplifting presence was a joy to those he visited. Sam was also a member of the Martin Luther King Jr. Mason's Lodge. In his leisure time, he loved his coffee and thoroughly enjoyed the company of his "crew" that he would hang out with at McDonald's.

Deacon Anderson was known for being outspoken, but also very humorous. He was a true people person who got along with everyone and never seemed to let life's trials dampen his spirits.

On January 4, 2013, Deacon Samuel Anderson, Jr. joined his beloved Bessie in eternity. Saddened by his departure but celebrating his Christian journey and reward are his loving sister, Jimmie Armstead; one brother-in-law Wilbert Davis III; nieces Markeita Bennett (Damarr), Yolanda Davis and Janei Walker; several great nieces, great nephews and cousins, along with many dear friends and his brothers and sisters in Christ.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013

Wake 11 AM · Homegoing Service 12 Noon

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

402 Clinton Street · Buffalo, NY 14204 Reverend Charles Henderson Officiating

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Musical Prelude		Robert Bowman, Organist
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Final Viewing	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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Sealing of the Bier		Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home
Musical Selection	1	Friendship Choir
Scripture Readings		
Old TestamentEcclesiastes 3:1-8		
New TestamentRevelation 21:1-7		
Prayer of Faith and Comfort		Clergy
Musical Selection		Friendship Choir
Expressions		Family & Friends
(Please Limit Remarks to 2 Minutes)		
Acknowledgment of Condolences and Reading of the Obituary		
Sermonic Solo		Mr. Darrell M. Saxon II
Eulogy		Reverend Charles Henderson
Recessional"Soon and Very Soon"		

INTERMENT

Forest Lawn Cemetery · Garden of Time 1411 Delaware Avenue · Buffalo, NY 14209

Immediately Following Interment, The Family Will Fellowship and Receive Friends at the Church

Together Forever



PALLBEARERS

Damarr Bennett Bernard Walker, Sr. Antonio Davis, Sr. Macy Wilson

Wilbert Davis III Melvin Williams, Sr.

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Alexander Brown

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THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME, INC. 995 Genesee Street · Buffalo, NY 14211 (716) 894-4888 · www.thomastedwardsfuneralhome.com Mr. Darrell M. Saxon II Manager, Funeral Director

THANK YOU

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been a blessing to our family in the homegoing of our loved one. Our hearts are comforted by the love of Jesus Christ that you have shown toward us, and in knowing that our precious Sam is resting in His arms. May God bless and keep each of you in His love.

The Family of Deacon Samuel Anderson, Jr.

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