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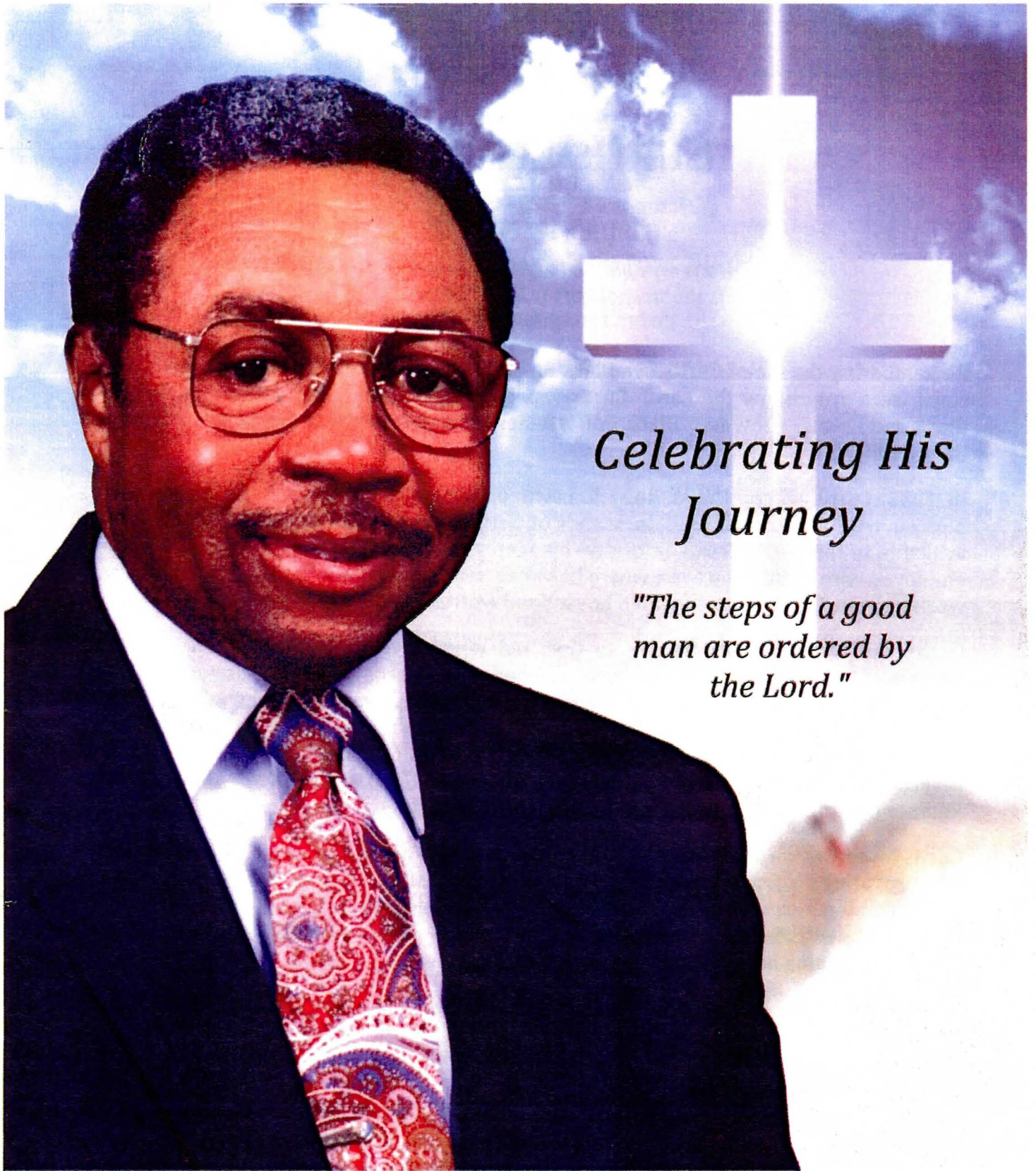
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*Celebrating His
Journey*

*"The steps of a good
man are ordered by
the Lord."*

DEACON

**CURTIS LEE
BLACK, SR.**

*October 14, 1928 ~
June 17, 2013*

REMEMBERING HIS LIFE

CURTIS LEE BLACK

October 14, 1928 ~ June 17, 2013

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"
Psalm 27:1*

Remembering the life of Curtis Lee Black Sr. is to remember the life of a good man whose steps were ordered by the Lord. Curtis was born on October 14, 1928 to the late Calvin Black and Amelia (Dowdell) Black in Bessemer, Alabama. He was one of five children in their family.

In 1953, Curtis married Miss Ruby S. Lewis of Waverly, Alabama. Together they were blessed with seven children. In search of better employment opportunities that were available in the north, Curtis relocated his family to Buffalo, New York where he became employed with Bethlehem Steel where he would serve for 30 years before retiring. A hard-working man, Curtis also renovated houses and worked on cars.

Curtis had a strong commitment to God and was active in several churches over his lifetime. On April 15, 1962, he was ordained as a Deacon at Peace Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend Augustus Smith. He later joined fellowship with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend A. Charles Ware, and on February 24, 1991, was ordained as a Deacon of Friendship. Curtis served in several ministries at Friendship, including the Male Chorus, the Credit Union and the Finance Committee, remaining faithful until he became ill.

Curtis loved the Lord and through his walk, practiced what he preached. His pride and joy was providing his family with prayer, quoting scriptures, and sharing his wisdom and love. He was widely respected as a role model and disciplinary, including at the YMCA where he was a member and donated yearly to the Strong Kids Program. In his leisure time, Curtis loved maintaining his vegetable and flower gardens.

After a full and blessed life, on June 17, 2013 at the age of 84 years old, Curtis Lee Black, Sr. stepped from this earthly life into eternity with the Lord. His legacy and his love are cherished by his children: Curtis Jr. (Diane), Bonnie Lee, Amelia Hooks, James, Frank (Harriett) and Denise, all of Buffalo, NY; brother Raymon Black; sister Rosie Core; a special niece, Claudette Deyamport (Larry); 24 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; several brothers and sisters-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones, and his family of brothers and sisters in Christ. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruby; one son, Robert; his sister Carrie, and his brother Warren.

*"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God.
I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee;
yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."
Isaiah 41:10*

***In Lieu of Flowers, Donations in Memory of Deacon Curtis Lee Black, Sr.
May Be Made to Hospice of Western New York***

ORDER OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013
Homegoing Service 11 AM

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
402 CLINTON STREET · BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14204
Reverend Joe L. Fisher
Pastor, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Officiating

Musical Prelude..... Mr. Robert Bowman
Minister of Music

Processional Clergy and Family

Family Parting Glimpse

Sealing of the Bier Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Psalm 23

New Testament..... II Timothy 4:6-7

Tribute..... "Just Daddy"..... Shelly Robinson Lynch

Solo "Stand By Me" Mr. Darrell M. Saxon II

Acknowledgements & Reading of the Obituary..... Mrs. Ruby J. Olive
Church Clerk

Selection..... Friendship Baptist Church Choir

Reflections from the Family Bonnie Lee (Daughter)

Reflections..... *(Please Keep Expressions to Two Minutes)*

Deacon Grady Thompson
Chairman, Friendship Baptist Church Deacon Board
Deacon John C. Donaldson, *Fellow Deacon*
Deacon Arthur Henry, *Fellow Deacon*
Curtis W. Lewis, *Brother-in-Law*

Solo "There Is No Way" Pat Edwards

Eulogy Reverend Joe L. Fisher

Recessional

INTERMENT

Forest Lawn Cemetery
1411 Delaware Avenue · Buffalo, New York 14209

*Immediately Following Interment, Repast Will Be Held in the
Friendship Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (On Lower Level of the Church)*

REMEMBERING HIS LIFE · ORDER OF SERVICE

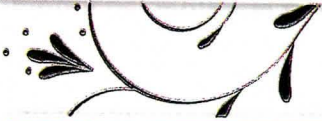
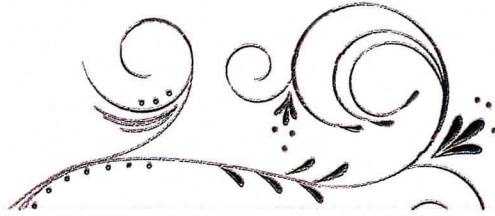
Dept: 2 Tim. 6:7



BELOVED FATHER



*Together Forever in Love
Curtis Lee Sr. and Ruby Seal Black*



THROUGH THE YEARS

*"I have been young, and now am old;
yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,
nor his seed begging bread."
Psalm 37:25*



PRECIOUS FAMILY



TRIBUTES IN LOVE

"Our Angel"

*We're looking for an angel that was so dear to us.
He has a twinkle in his eyes, he has some rosy cheeks.
He has a laugh that makes you laugh so hard that you could cry,
He has a certain sweetness you could see it in his eyes.
He speaks words of kindness, good advice he gives;
He says "I love you," the words we love to hear.
He's very bold and confident, he always speaks his mind,
But his heart is very gentle, just look into his eyes.
So if you see our angel, tell him we miss him so;
But he has a home in heaven, that we surely know.
Although we miss him already and tears are in our eyes,
We know he had to leave us, it was hard to say goodbye.
So we will one day see him with a smile upon our face,
When we see our angel in that heavenly place.*

Love, Your Daughter, Denise

"Just Daddy"

*"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding;
in all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths"
Proverbs 3:5-6*

To us you were our father, sometimes we called we you dad. You were a great provider and the best friend we could ever have. You taught us very early who we should depend on, and that is our Lord and Savior, yes, Jesus and God. "Depend on God" you would say, no matter what was going on. We watched and listened and needed those words of wisdom. You taught us to love and treat people right, to stand our ground when necessary and to know right from wrong. You were there to teach your sons how to become good men to provide for their family. You set a good example for them. To your daughters, you showed them everyday what a Christian man could be. To your grands and great-grands, you showed them what a loving man could be. You fixed our cars, houses, and gave such sound advice, but most of all, we remember that you put God first in your life. So daddy it's okay, it's time for your reward. We will find peace in knowing that you are with the Lord.

Love, Your Children

"We'll Miss You"

*You were the head, you were our rock. You were always a strong man of God.
But we know you're at peace and in a better place.
We love you Granddaddy, so enjoy resting in God's grace.*

Love, Your Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren



THE MEASURE OF A MAN

With Love from Your Children

*How do you know the measure of a man?
Is it through the life he leads?
Is it through his path of integrity,
That he never would concede?*

*We have seen the measure of a man,
Our family holds him dear.
His strength was inspirational
And his intent always sincere.*

*We have known the measure of a man.
One who lives on in our hearts,
One who the angels softly spoke to
And who from us now must part.*

*Softly we will speak of him
To chase the pain away,
And the love of God he taught us
Will unite us again someday.*

PALLBEARERS

Paul Barber	Jeremy Black
Curtis Black III	Andrew Chiles
Eric Black	Charles Hooks III
James A. Black, Jr.	Bernard Rias

CARE OF OUR LOVED ONE

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Manager, Funeral Director

THANK YOU

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has been a source of comfort and support to our family in the homegoing of our loved one. Your love and kindness has helped to console our hearts and strengthen us in our time of bereavement. We give special thanks to Dr. Lionel A. Sifontes and staff for the excellent care you gave Curtis; to Deacon Arthur Henry and Dorothy for your continuous support and prayer; to the staff of Hospice Cheektowaga for your compassion, and the Friendship Baptist Church family for your love throughout the years. May God continue to richly bless each of you.

The Family of Curtis Lee Black, Sr.

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