



James E. Stewart Sr.

September 22, 1937 - April 2, 2015

Deacon James Elliott Stewart was born on September 22, 1937 in Oaksville, Maryland to the late James Stewart, Sr. and Melissa Mae Stewart.

Deacon Stewart received his formal education through the Somerset County Schools in Princess Anne, Maryland. He was married to Pearline Stewart, the woman of his dreams, on July 25, 1956. They were blessed with five wonderful children.

Deacon Stewart enjoyed driving trucks-eighteen wheelers. His employment began with H. H. Hollinger when he was eighteen years old. He continued his vocation for Charlie Jackson Newton Trucking Company. In 1968, he became an employee as a truck driver and was later promoted supervisor at HP Cannon in Bridgeville, Delaware. He retired from Ralph & Paul Adams as a truck driver in Bridgeville, Delaware in 2002 after approximately 22 years of dedicated service. As a retiree, he found it difficult to remain idle, so he rekindled his love and dedication for driving trucks by working part time at Ralph & Paul Adams. James, along with his brother, William established a lawn care business.

Deacon Stewart became a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Bridgeville, Delaware in 1979. One year later, he was ordained a deacon. In 1982, he became head of transportation. He did what the bible says in Ecclesiastes.

9:10, “whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...” Deacon Stewart served the church in various capacities: Building and Maintenance, Janitorial and a member of the Male Chorus. Moreover, he taught a “newcomers” class for the incoming members of the church. Due to health issues, he resigned as Chairman of the Deacons in 2012. Deacon Stewart continued to faithfully attend service. He didn’t like missing church; in fact, he attended his last service on March 22th prior to his hospitalization on Monday, March 23th.

Deacon Stewart believed in family. He supported his children and grandchildren as often as he could by attending their special events. Holidays were normally spent with his children and their families, wherever they were held. He wanted to maintain family ties; thus he served on the Stewart Reunion Committee. Deacon Stewart was known affectionately as “Dad”, “Daddy”, “Daddy Ball” and “Pop Pop”. He was very personable and always had stories of his trucking adventures. He cared deeply for all his children and grandchildren. Additionally, Deacon Stewart believed in being on time-15 or more minutes early to any appointment or event. He and his wife, Pearline constantly had funny dialogues that “cracked” the kids up! He was her helpmate, driver, handy man and best food connoisseur.

The Lord called His faithful servant home from labor to reward. He departed this life unto eternity on Thursday afternoon, April 2, 2015.

This beloved servant of the Lord leaves to cherish his life; his wife of 58 years, Pearline Stewart of Bridgeville, Delaware; five children; Shirley Anne Stewart of Bear, Delaware; James Junior Stewart of Bridgeville, Delaware; Diane Walker (Kenneth) of Freeport, New York; Loretta Sivels (Quinton) of Lincoln, Delaware; and Stacy Dorine Stewart of Bear, Delaware; eighteen grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; eight siblings, Henry White (Mamie), Elizabeth Ayers, Tabiothy White all of Salisbury, Maryland; William Stewart (Katharine) and Emma Brown, both of Princess Anne, Maryland; Mary

Hayward (James) of Eden, Maryland; John Stewart (Florence) of El Paso, Texas; Rosie Randolph (Leonard) of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Mother-in-Law, Beatrice Holden of Bridgeville, Delaware and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and many friends.

Deacon Stewart was preceded in death by his four brothers, Marion Stewart, Charles Stewart, Bernard Stewart and Preston Stewart; five sisters, Madeline Pinkett, Ruth Stewart, Clara Stewart, Sarah Shoffner and Ella Louise Banks.

Deacon Stewart leaves behind a legacy of dedication and compassion to his family and to his church family, a demonstrated life of faith and empathy. He will be sorely missed by all whose lives he touched.

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Tribute Wall

HS

“ So sorry to here of the passing of a good man, one who always had something good to tell you when ever he met you. God bless the Stewart family during this time of sorrow.

Howard Smack Sr. - April 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ To our family, we are so sorry for your lost, Uncle James will be deeply missed by us as well.

The ones we care about the most are always close in thought and heart as Uncle James is today and always will be.

The angels are rejoicing and God is well pleased as he's saying well done my good and faithful servant, you have completed your assignment and it is well!

Family continue to carry the garment of praise, the mantle of worship and labor of love and peace for kingdom building. We are praying for you and we will see him again!

*Love,
Your family in Pennsylvania & Georgia*

James E. Miles & Faith Tucker - April 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO THE STEWART FAMILY, I WAS DEEPLY SADDENED TO HEAR THE LOSS OF YOUR FATHER AND DAD. I AM PRAYING THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE YOU STRENGTH IN SUCH A TIME LIKE THIS. BE ENCOURAGED AND KNOW THAT GOD IS CLOSE BY

BELINDA - April 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To The Family,
Please accept my condolence. I hope that you are able to draw comfort from the scriptures during this difficult time. It mentions a time when all of humankind will have the privilege of reuniting with our loved ones who have fallen asleep in death. Jesus Christ's words at John 5:28, 29 assure us that such an exciting time will definitely take place.

Again, you have my deepest sympathy.

Sherry - April 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss please accept my sincere condolences. I hope you will find your strength and comfort in Jesus promises of the earthly resurrection (:Acts 24:15) and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will have to mourn the death of a loved ever again. Revelation 21:3,4; Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18 grant you peace and comfort now during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4

Mattie Jones - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM