



## Walter Lee Maness

May 30, 1941 - July 7, 2019

Minister Walter Lee Maness, affectionately known as “Uncle Walt”, son of the late Odell Maness, Sr., and Hearaman Bryant, was born May 30, 1941, in Sarasota, Florida. He attended public school in Chi Chester, Pennsylvania, and completed Bible classes in ministry in Dover, Delaware. He quietly departed this life on Sunday, July 7, 2019, at the Brandywine Nursing Home in Wilmington, Delaware, after a long illness. At an early age, he professed faith in Jesus Christ and joined Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, in Twin Oaks, Pennsylvania, where he was a dedicated member. He served faithfully in the choir and as a trustee and as an usher. In the community, he served as a Boy Scout Leader.

After moving to Dover, Minister Maness joined the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, was ordained as a minister by Reverend C. V. Holmes, and was a very active member of the church. He was later lead by the Lord to move to Crossroad Christian Church. He was heavily involved in the local churches and communities, serving faithfully as a member and then advisor of the Delaware State University Gospel Choir for many years, a member of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA), Chaplin of the Modern Maturity Center of Dover and a member of their Black History Committee, a member of the Crossroad Christian Church Men’s Choir, and a member of the Crossroad Nursing Home Ministry. Walter was also an associate minister at Crossroad Christian Church, under the leadership of Pastors Anthony & Margo Wallace

and the church family. Minister Maness loved to travel to different churches and then go out to diner and fellowship with his best friend, Miss Trudy Wilson.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Odell Maness, Jr.

Minister Maness is survived by two sisters, Marion Melendez and Elizabeth Brooks of Boothwyn, Pennsylvania; five nephews, one niece; and a host of friends.

There are no words to make the pain to away, but take comfort in knowing he is at peace and know that his legacy will live on in the hearts of all who love him. "HE WILL BE REMEMBERED".

Lovingly submitted by the Family

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“ I was sad to hear of the passing of \u201cUncle Walter\u201d Beginning in the 1974 - 1975 school year I met Walter we were members of the Delaware State Gospel Choir. I was an Assistant Choir Director and a fellow choir member. Walter was older than I was and being raised to \u201crespect my elders\u201d I began calling him \u201cUncle Walter\u201d little did I know that name would \u201cStick\u201d And Everyone In later years would use it as a \u201cTerm of Endearment\u201d This year while we were forming the Official DelState Alumni Gospel Choir and planning a reunion I asked if anyone knew where Uncle Walter was and or how to reach him. Uncle Walter will be missed by the Alumni who had the pleasure of knowing him but we know that if we serve The Lord we will be \u201cGoing Up Yonder\u201d To Be With The Lord and we will be singing again in that Heavenly Choir. Rest In Peace Uncle Walter. Frank White III DSC \u201874 - \u201c78 DelState Alumni Gospel Choir

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