



Willie Ray Pettie

December 5, 1929 - October 21, 2013

Willie Ray Pettie, fondly known as “Ray”, was born in McGregor, Texas to the late LeRoy & Willie E. Pettie. He departed this life on Monday, October 21, 2013.

Ray was educated in his hometown in Texas. He attended Wiley College where he received his bachelors of science degree in biology.

After graduating, Ray relocated to New York City where he lived with his older sister, Carrie Pettie. When Leslie Cofield graduated from high school, she moved to New York City to live with her older sister, Mary Tankard. Seven months later Ray met Leslie, the love of his life, and they were united in holy matrimony. He was a loving and devoted husband and a committed family man.

Ray was employed by Roman Air Craft as an electrical engineer in Long Island, New York. After many years of faithful service, Ray retired and relocated to Seaford, Delaware.

Ray received Christ at an early age. After relocating to NYC, he became a disciple of Union Baptist Church in White Plains, under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Hughes, where he was ordained as a deacon.

He remained faithful and committed to his mission in God's service. He attended church at the Delmarva Evangelistic Church in Salisbury, Maryland, where he remained as long as he was able.

Ray leaves to cherish his memories his lovely wife, Leslie; one brother-in-law, William Cofield of Bronx, NY; six sisters-in-law, Mary Tankard, Bessie Reid, Eunice Ellison, Hannah Cofield of NY, Addie Cofield of Fayetteville, NC and Dora Pettie of Texas and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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“ Please accept my condolence. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. May you find comforting Job 14:14, 15, which says, “If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.”

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