

Trials, Tribulations, they get so hard to bear, but it's so good to know that my God is standing there. It seems sometimes you can't go on, but God always tell us to keep holding on. It seems sometime you want to give up but God says keep those praises going up. It seems like the world is against you and sometimes they are, But God says trust in me for your reward is not far. It may seem like you feel all alone But God says I will leave nor forsake you keep going on. Cast all your cares upon Jesus because he loves and cares for you. And when it seems like you can't make it, just remember press for the mark and God shall see you through.

By: Marcia Dunn

# PALLBEARERS CLASS OF 1965

FLORAL BEARERS
FRIENDS AND FAMILY

### NOTE OF THANKS

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation for all the prayers, calls, visits, cards and other expressions of kindness and thoughtfulness extended during their bereavement.

INTERMENT
Chatham Memorial Park in Siler City, North Carolina



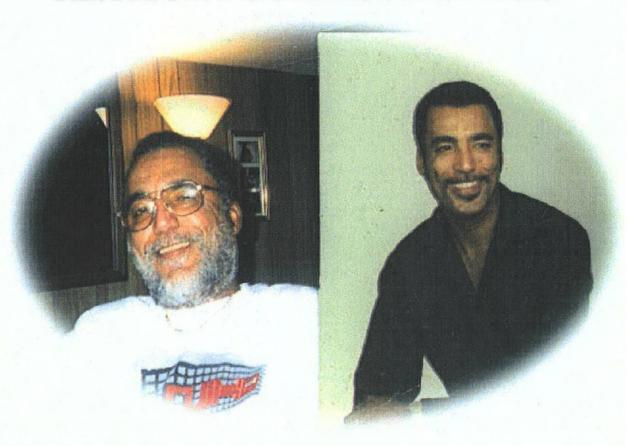
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# Homegoing Celebration for ARTHUR MICHAEL NETTLES



May 20, 1947 — December 11, 2004

Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church 3505 16th Street, NW~Washington, DC 20010 Reverend William E. Kelly

Thursday, December 16, 2004 Visitation: 10:00 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m.

> Saturday, December 18, 2004 Visitation: 2:00 p.m. Service: 3:00 p.m.

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

On December 11, 2004 Arthur Michael Nettles at the age of 57 departed his earthly body to begin his eternal life in heaven.

Michael was born May 20, 1947 in Siler City, North Carolina, the oldest of four children, to the late Arthur and Nellie Nettles. At the age of 17 he moved to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area residing with his Aunt Lucille and Uncle June Ratliff.

Michael held various employment as a young adult and finally established himself with the Everfresh Juice Company for almost 20 years retiring early due to the complications of illness. He met his wife Annette in 1969 and dated about a year until destiny reunited them 20 years later. They married on October 13, 1988.

Michael loved to socialize. He enjoyed spending time with his many friends at the American Legion Post 275 Lodge in Glenarden, Maryland. Playing cards, golfing, bowling, horse shoes, cooking and dancing were among his many hobbies. He was such a warm hearted person that people naturally gravitated to him. He would meet you for the first time and become an instant life long friend.

Michael is loved by so many people. His legacy to them will never be forgotten. He had such a warm and giving nature—and he offered you the most beautiful and captivating smile that welcomed you into his life. His personal contact with you was always greeted with a warm kiss on the cheek, a gentle embrace, and most often, North Carolina country ham and sausages. While it is so difficult to let him go home, Michael will live forever through the great love that is held for him.

Michael leaves to cherish his memories a devoted wife, Elizabeth Annette Nettles; daughter, Machelle Robinson (Sean) and son, Joel Palmer; two brothers, Marty Nettles (Sandra) and Barry Tyson (Betty); two sisters, Phyllis Alston (Cecil) and Frenchie Nettles who preceded him in death; two grandchildren, Jessica and Donald Robinson and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading
Old Testament — Psalms 23
New Testament — John 14:1-4

Prayer of Comfort

Solo "Going Up Yonda"

Acknowledgments

Celebration of Life (Silent Reading)

Tributes
(Please limit remarks to two minutes)

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

Repast for Trinity AME Zion Church immediately following services in the Great Hall Repast for Gees Grove AME Zion Church immediately following Interment in the Fellowship Hall

#### LOVE

The Greatest Love, that has ever been shown,
Or ever, ever can be,
Was when God gave his only Son
To suffer and die for everyone;
So that from our sin we could be set free.

Real Love, unfeigned and knitted together
Will make our Family Reunion so much better;
Loving and caring for each other,
Just like we're all Sisters and Brothers.

To have this kind of real love,
It can only come from God above
If there are any among us today
Who've been seeking and searching to find a way.

When we read St. John 3:3
We truly can plainly see
We must repent of our sin
And be Born Again!

I'm sure there are many who can agree with me When Jesus came into your heart and set you free. To have this personal experience with Jesus Christ Will truly change your whole life.

The pleasures this world has to offer you see
Will only last for a season;
But the Love, Joy and Peace Jesus gives,
Will last throughout Eternity!

When we think of the good times
We spend at our Reunion with Family and Friends,
Just think, this is nothing to compare
With the Reunion in Heaven when we all get there!

By: Nellie P. Nettles

