

A Celebration of Life

David Lee "D.L." Hampton



February 24, 1933 ~ October 24, 2017

Service: Saturday, November 04, 2017
Eleven O'clock AM

St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church

913th Saint James Street
Warren, Arkansas 71671

Presiding Elder Romell Hooper, Pastor

Pastor Kenneth Edwards, Officiating
Elder Joyce Trotter-Hampton, Eulogist

~Obituary~

David Lee "D.L." Hampton:

On February 24, 1933 "D.L." was the fifteenth child born to Monroe and Norma Hampton in Cranny, Arkansas now known as Banks, Arkansas. In 1948, at the age fourteen, "D.L.s" parents allowed him to move to Los Angeles, California to live with his older sisters and brothers. He was told on his first day at Lafayette Junior High School in Los Angeles, that he could not use "D.L." as his name. It was on that day that he named himself David Lee.

Education:

David received his former education at Amy Tatum "AT" & Mt. Zion Church Schools in Jersey Arkansas; Lafayette Junior High; Belmont High; Jordon High and Jefferson High Schools in Los Angeles, California.

Military Service:

David volunteered for the United States Air Force in 1952 and proudly served his country from May 02, 1952 until January 02, 1959. David received his basic training at Parks Air Force Base in Pleasanton, California. He was stationed at Scott's Air Force Base in Bellville, Illinois; Manson Air Force Base in England; and Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, California. David's military duties included: a cook and two (2) years as an Orderly for Major General Barcus. After more than fifty (50) years of leaving the Air Force, David contacted and visited, one of his best military friends, James Kennedy, in Columbus, South Carolina. David often reminisced about his "service buddies" and shared stories over and over about incidents and the names of those involved.

Matrimony

Verna D. Jamerson and Ruby Jean Ramsey both in Los Angeles, California.

Off Springs:

Four of the most precious events in David's life were the births of his children: Russell Eugene, Ronda Elaine, Gwendolyn, and Marilyn Davenna.

Back to Arkansas:

In December 1994, David returned to Arkansas to live on the property that his father and mother purchased in Jersey in 1944. David's biggest dream was to recapture his childhood days before leaving Jersey. Going to the only store in Jersey to get his newspaper and to the Post Office for his mail became a daily ritual for David. May 25, 1997, David and Joyce Campbell Trotter were united in marriage. Joyce joined David at his most favorite place on earth, Jersey, Arkansas.

Employment:

Included in David's conversations about his service days and his children he also enjoyed talking about his work careers at the Western Fishing Line Company; his part-time job with Atwater Patrol where he cleaned office buildings; and twenty-two years (22) in construction. David was employed for fourteen (14) years with Dick Stone with whom he continued a relationship with after his retirement with the company.

Religious Experience:

In June 2009, David responded to the Holy Spirit speaking to his heart and in August 2009 he was baptized in the Camden Seventh-day Adventist Church in Camden, Arkansas. Until David's health began to deteriorate, he enjoyed reading daily from God's word and having daily devotion with Joyce.

Family:

During David's retirement he enjoyed traveling with Joyce; talking with his brother, Monroe in Lancaster, California every Monday at 11:30 A.M.; and his brother Ulysses, before he passed, in Rancho Cucamonga, California. Before his sister Gertie Mae Gilbert passed, David would visit, almost daily, with her and her husband, Carnice "Stiffy" in Jersey. David enjoyed visiting his children and grandchildren in California; Texas; and Wichita, Kansas. When David talked with his nieces he would always refer to each one of them as "my favorite niece". He also had a great relationship with all of his nephews and enjoyed talking "sports talk" with his grandson Allan.

Family Preceded David in Death: Monroe and Norma Hampton; **Brothers:** Sterling "Buddy" Hampton; Lafayette "Fate" Hampton; Johnny Hampton; and Ulysses Grant Hampton. **Sisters:** Willie Bea "Sister" Hampton Womack; Cora Hampton Johnson; Clara Hampton Miller, and Gertie Mae Hampton Gilbert. **Son:** Russell Eugene Hampton.

Cherished Friends: Lloyd Herschel Jones in Victorville, California and Levert Williams in Ingalls, Arkansas, also preceded David in death.

Surviving: His wife, Joyce Trotter-Hampton. Daughters: Ronda Hampton-Parker; Gwendolyn Hampton-Ellis; Marilyn Hampton-Brooks; and step-daughters, Ivy Joyce Trotter-Stigler, Sharon Nelson, and Debra Collins. Also, his only surviving brother, Monroe Hampton.

Surviving: Stepsons~ Marcus Trotter; Craig Trotter; Kevin Trotter; and Glenn Trotter. Also, Samuel Morrison and Freddie Morrison.

Survivors: Sons-in-laws~ Hubert Parker, II; Allan Brooks; and Gregg Ellis. Stepdaughter-in-laws: Tracey Trotter and Cherrell Trotter. Great-granddaughter-in-law: Starla Parker.

Surviving Grandchildren/Step Grandchildren: Hubert Lorengo Parker, III; Huron Leandro Parker; Hylon Levarro Parker; Huston LeRon Parker; Miranda Nicole Hampton; Allan Brooks, II; Amber Simone Brooks; Leslie Joyce Trotter; Jason Stigler; Brianna Nicole Trotter; Jordon Trotter; Megan Trotter and Jacob Elijah Trotter and Haudarie Lee Andrews. Three great-grandchildren: Brooklyn Avery Parker, Kameron Xavier Parker, and Ethan Austin Parker.

Surviving: Nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, cousins, church family, neighbors, and friends.

Surviving First Cousins: Bernice Hampton, Johnsville, Arkansas; Marvie Trotter, and Renell Hatch, Chicago, Illinois.

