



## **BROTHER AMOS ARRINGTON**

January 29, 1923 - May 27, 2020

### Obituary

Amos Arrington was born January 29, 1923 in Cleveland, Mississippi. He was the first-born son and the second of: what would be thirteen children, born to the union of Louis & Geneva Arrington. Amos left his earthly body on May 27, 2020, at the age of 97. He was preceded in death by his wife Helen M. Arrington, 3 sons; Dennis L. Arrington, Carey L. Arrington & Kevin A. Arrington; his parents; 1 brother and 9 sisters. Several months after his birth the family relocated to Steele, Missouri where Amos spent his formative years as the son of a farmer. After years of hard work and labor, his parents bought 40 acres of "swamp land" in Butler County, Missouri, Providence Township, just five miles east of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

He was extremely proud of the fact that the same land is still in the family today. It was here, on that land, in the years that he spent on the farm, that he would develop skills that would carry him throughout his lifetime; cooking, gardening, carpentry, plumbing, and even some basic sewing. At the age of 20, Amos was drafted into the U.S. Army to serve in World War II. This would be the first time he had ever left the state of Missouri, but he did not hesitate to answer the call. He served with honor and dignity from 1943 until his Honorable Discharge in 1946.

Shortly after his discharge, he made the decision to relocate to Kansas City,

Missouri, where he had a younger sister attending Western Baptist Seminary. While there, he was blessed to meet a man who educated him on the benefits of the GI Bill of Rights, which he immediately took advantage of. He enrolled in school, received his high school diploma and eventually went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1952. In June of 1950, he met a young lady by the name of Helen M. Williams.

Shortly thereafter they were married. To this union four children were born: Dennis Louis, Carey Leonard, Maria Renee, and Kevin Andre. They were married for 53 years, until her passing in 2005. In 1952, he took advantage of a government program that allowed Blacks to join the U.S. Postal Service as temporary employees. He soon became a full-time permanent employee, retiring in 1979 after 27 years of service. While at the Postal Service he held several positions on the national level with the Mail Handlers Union and served as President of the local chapter. Amos was a man who was full of wisdom and knowledge, and willingness to share it. He loved to write and was a frequent contributor to the Kansas City Call. As the Patriarch of the Arrington Family, he recorded the family history on paper. It was important to him that the generations know from which we came, and that the sacrifices of Louis & Geneva never be forgotten. He could sit and talk for hours about nearly anything. He loved to debate current affairs and was a great advocate for the underdog.

He was a great cook and excellent on the grill. He designed and built decks on the homes of many of his friends and nearly all of his siblings. You could always count on him having a full and flourishing garden, full of a wide array of vegetables that he willingly shared with anyone who asked. He had a generous heart and spirit, always wanting to make things better. Amos was introduced to Christ early in his life. He was raised in a Christian home and was baptized into the family of Christ at the New Home Missionary Baptist Church in Butler County, Missouri. Upon his arrival to Kansas City he attended

several different churches.

In his later years he was a member of the Centennial United Methodist Church, where he founded The Good Shepard Ministry. The ministry partnered with Harvesters to provide food and essential goods to those who otherwise would have gone without. In 2017, he joined The New Journey Church of God Holiness, under the watch of Pastor Kevin Askew and remained a faithful member until his passing.

Masonic highlights included; Right Worshipful Brother Amos Arrington, Past Worshipful Master Mt. Oread Lodge #76 (PHA) KCMO, Gold Card Member (40 yrs. plus), Tropical Light Lodge #174 M.W.P.H.G.L of Missouri, Past Board Member District #2 M.W.P.H.G.L of Missouri, Member and Past Illustrious Potentate Allah Temple #6 A.E.A.O.N.M.S (PHA), Goldcard Member Allah Temple #6-KCMO (40 yrs. plus) (PHA), Received the Title of Honorary Past Imperial Potentate A.E.A.O.N.M.S (PHA) during the administration of Past Imperial Potentate Rochelle J. (Rick) Jullian, Past Master Mason of the year District #2 M.W.P.H.G.L. of Missouri (PHA), the oldest member of the Prince Hall Masonic Family of District #2 KCMO and many more Masonic Achievements too numerous to mention.

Those left behind to celebrate the legacy of Amos Arrington include his daughter, Maria R. Arrington, of Raymore, Mo.; a brother, Joe L. Arrington (Yvonne) of Broseley, Mo.; a sister, Patsy A. Lumpkins (Ron), of University City, MO.; 1 sister-in-law, Margaret Williams of Kansas City, MO.; 2 daughters-in-law, Angela Arrington of Sioux City, IA and Sharon Arrington of Kansas City, MO.; 10 grandchildren 19 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and close friends.

Funeral Services will be held 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 6th at Lawrence

A. Jones & Sons Linwood Chapel. Visitation 9:00 A.M. Interment Forest Hill & Calvary Cemetery.

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