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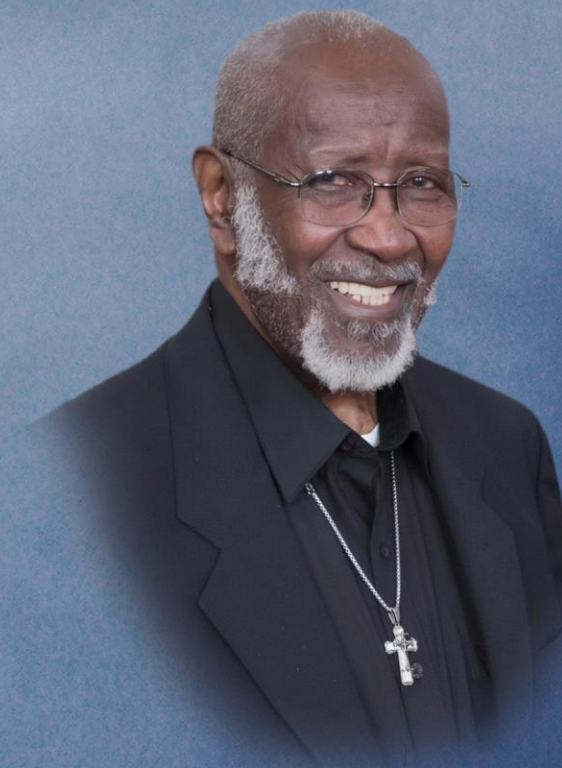
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*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*

MR. SEAMON WOODROW NORTON



Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Seamon Woodrow Norton, would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your prayers, love, and support shown to us during this difficult time. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025
11:00 A.M.

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Order of Service

Prelude.....“May The Work I’ve Done Speak For Me”
Processional
Congregational Selection.....“The Lord Has Brought Us Together, One More Time”
Old TestamentProverbs 3:5-6.....Minister
New Testament.....John 14:1-3.....Minister
Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Thomas Johnson
Musical Selection.....“Ave Maria”
Remarks.....Ms. Renee Sumpter
Mr. Jason S. LaBreck, Grandson-In-Love
Reading of Obituary.....Mr. Eric “Bungalow” Porter
Musical Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark
EulogyReverend Jefferey Thompson
Pastor, Amity Baptist Church, Jamaica, New York
Recessional.....“Bound for Mt. Zion”
By” The Christiannaires
Postlude



Committal, Benediction & Interment

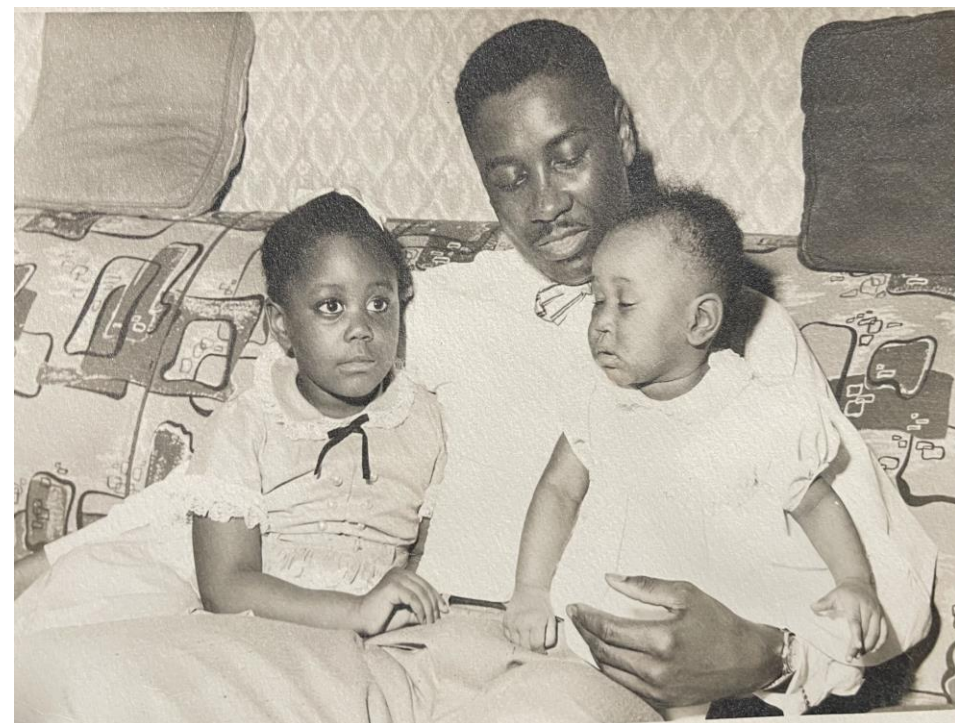
1:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Pop Pop, You’re A Great Man

Perfectly crafted. Destined by fate.
One to lead by example. Created to be great.
Praying over us daily, making sure we're protected.
Power from the word, to keep us connected.
Offering up praises, giving God all the Glory
Preparing to leave a legacy.... your life's story.
You know, it takes a great man to take on the role
Of father-figure and Grandfather to a little soul.
Understanding the importance, you excelled at them both
Raising two girls on your own, ensuring their growth.
Everlasting impressions, you left on each generation
As you put family first and built our foundation.
Guiding us in love, to walk in the steps you left behind
Reaching our goals with making you proud in mind.
Enrolled in your college, the youngest Great-Grandson attends.
Army strong like you, the oldest Great-Grandson defends.
Traits you left with your daughter who has a heart of gold
Maintaining our family’s history from all the stories you’ve told.
A great man you are and will always be.
Now and forever, in our hearts and memory.

By:
Mrs. Twana I. Frazier and the Family

Memories



Obituary

Mr. Seamon Woodrow Norton was born in Ridgeland, SC, June 23, 1928, to Seaman and Mary Norton. He attended the public school system of Ridgeland, S.C. However, upon the death of his father in 1941, he and his mother moved to Columbia, S.C., where he attended Booker T. Washington High School, and graduated in 1946.

In April of 1944, Seamon joined the Central Baptist Church, in Columbia, SC, and gave his life to Christ. There he was baptized by the Reverend L.M. Hampton and joined the adult choir. Although he was still a teenager, he was asked to lead many of the choir's short and long metered songs of that time.

In September 1946, Seamon matriculated to Benedict College, in Columbia, S.C., where he earned his bachelor's degree in social studies in June of 1950. That same year, he was drafted into the United States Army at Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S.C. From there, he was transferred to Ft. Campbell, Ky. He served in the 11th Airborne Division from November 1950 to October 1953. During this time, he earned the rank of Staff Sergeant and served in the Korean War.

On December 23, 1951, he and his longtime sweetheart, Alberta Marie Gunter, were joined in holy matrimony. Once his obligations were fulfilled with the US Army, he was honorably discharged on October 1, 1953. The young couple relocated to Jamaica, N.Y., in November of that year. Thereafter, Seamon gained employment as a Supply Technician in the supply division at the Naval Hospital, in St. Albans, N.Y.

Seamon and his wife Alberta became the proud parents of two daughters, Joyce Ann and Barbara. Unfortunately, six days after the birth of his second daughter, Alberta unexpectedly passed away from complications of the birth. Through it all, Seamon never lost his faith and trust in God. He knew God would provide a way for him to care for his two young babies. That way was provided when Seamon's mother relocated to New York from South Carolina to help with the rearing of his daughters.

Seamon joined the Amity Baptist Church, Jamaica, N.Y., in May of 1954, under the pastorate of the late Reverend Dr. James R. Moore. He became an active member of Amity. During his time, he joined the Male Usher Board, Trustee Board (former vice chair), and Male Chorus of Amity. He later served as an ordained deacon. As a faithful member of the Male Chorus of Amity, he was often called on to lead songs and could always be counted on to do so in a pinch. Seamon became a member of the Laymen Auxiliary of the Eastern Baptist Association. He faithfully attended the monthly meetings and activities sponsored by the Laymen Auxiliary.

Unfortunately for Seamon, tragedy struck again. The sudden death of his eldest daughter took a toll on him and his family. With the strength and power that Seamon gained while laboring in the vineyard, it was enough to sustain and enable him to run on to see what the end would be.

He retired from his civil service position on January 1, 1988, after thirty-six years as a government employee. To occupy his time, he became a part time janitor at Amity Baptist church.

As a young man, Seamon loved going to concerts. He was fortunate enough to hear two of the greatest voices, Paul Robeson, and Marian Anderson. After hearing Ms. Anderson perform Ave Maria, that became one of his favorite songs. Seamon was also an avid reader. His favorite book was the Holy Bible and loved reading any newspaper cover to cover. He would also spend countless hours doing word-find puzzles. He said this was how he was able to keep his mind sharp (and sharp it was). Seamon also loved to bowl. He was a member of the Amity Baptist Church Bowling League for several years.

Memories



Seamon’s favorite sport was baseball. His favorite team was the Brooklyn Dodgers, who later became the LA Dodgers. His all-time favorite player was Jackie Robinson, which is why he loved the Dodgers. He would become so engrossed while watching a game that if his team started losing, he would have to turn off the television because it would make him sick.

Seamon had a very sharp sense of humor. A filter could not be found when it came to whatever he wanted to say. He said what he meant and meant what he said! You never had to guess how he felt about you. He loved everyone as Christ has instructed us to, however, DO NOT rub him the wrong way.

In October of 2019, Seamon relocated to Columbia, S.C. to spend his final years with his children. Shortly after settling in Columbia, SC, he joined Brookland Baptist Church, where his daughter Barbara, was already a member. He attended faithfully until the covid pandemic, where he started attending virtually.

Affectionately known as “Pop Pop,” he was the true definition of a patriarch for the Norton family. He loved his family. Nothing, but God came before them. There were no “in-laws” in his mind when it came to the spouses of his children. All were his children, and he gave each one of them a nickname. He made sure that his children loved, honored, and respected the Lord and kept God first in their lives. He was a true example of what a “Man of God” should be. Even in his final moments he could be heard praying and praising God.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and dutiful daughter, Barbara Norton; granddaughter, Joyce Marie “Smoochie” LaBreck (Jason “Oh Jason, my boy”); great-grandsons, Eric “Bungalow” Porter, Jr. (Andrea “the Baby”) and James Woodrow “Punchy” Porter II; step-grandchildren, Alberta D. Gunter, Larry J. Gunter (Tracey), Christopher S. Gunter; a host of step-great-grandchildren, cousins, and friends. We will all miss him dearly

