

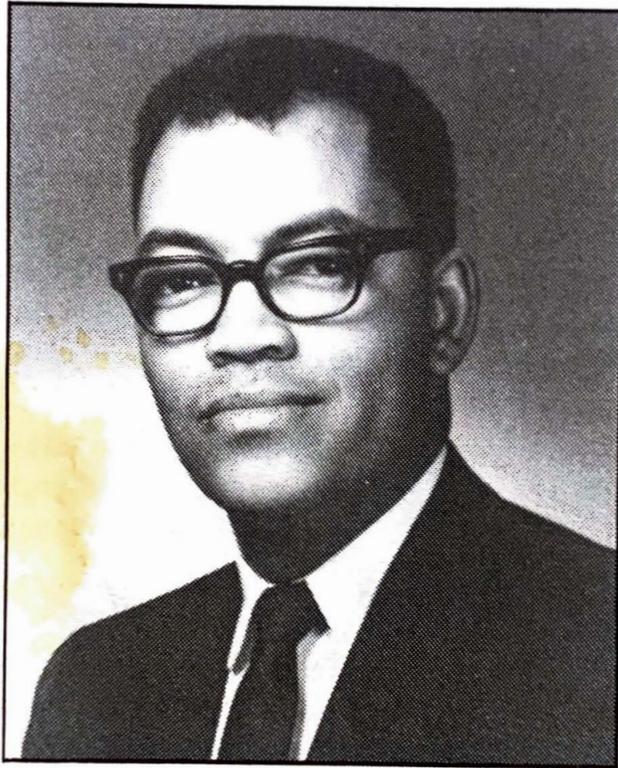
Homecoming Celebration

for the late

Curtiss R. Avery

OCT. 23, 1933

JULY 23, 1990



SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1990
10:00 a.m.

Bethel A.M.E. Church

1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, N.Y. 14204



Reverend Harry White, Jr., Pastor
Reverend Moore, Officiating



Obituary



Curtiss R. Avery, born on October 23, 1933 in Old Town, Arkansas, was born the fourth child of eight children to Mrs. Lizzie Avery and the late Willie.

As a teenager, Avery moved North to Buffalo, N.Y. to finish his formal education at Hutchinson Central High School. Upon graduation in 1953, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he was a Staff Sergeant and in 1954 attended Officer Training School at Port Smith Air Force Base, Port Smith, New Hampshire.

Avery met and fell in love with Rose Marie Brown. On December 1, 1956, they established a marital union that was to remain for 34 years.

He was employed at International Multi-Food Inc., where he quickly rose to become the first black Master Millwright. In 1972, he became an electrician and was in the I.B.E.W. Local No. 41. In 1982, Curtiss became a member of the Paramount Lodge No. 73, Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons.

Curtiss was a loving, devoted husband and father who strived to conduct his life in a manner befitting a man of character and dignity. He often visited Bethel A.M.E. Church with his wife and children.

Curtiss leaves to forever cherish his memory a loving wife and four children: Curtiss R. Jr., of Buffalo, N.Y., Dr. William Kevin Avery, of Washington D.C., Gloria (Joy) Stovel, of Yuba City, CA., and Carla Ansley of Buffalo, N.Y.; two granddaughters: Rianna Marie Avery and Chevonne Renesse Avery; seven brothers and sisters: Evelyn Fuller of Los Angeles, CA., Joseph (Betty) Avery of Elaine, Arkansas, Nina Mae Henderson of Elaine, Arkansas, Willie J. Avery of Buffalo, N.Y., Ernest (Addie) Avery of Memphis, TN., Josephine (Clarence) White of Bloomington, MN., and Patricia Avery of Buffalo, N.Y.

Curtiss always believed one was judged by the company he kept and he flew with the best. His closest friends will remember him as Avery "The Eagle". He will be remembered and missed by a host of relatives, friends and neighbors.

*"Servant of God, well done
Thy glorious warfare past
The battle is fought
The race is won
And thou art crowned at last."*

Order of Service



ORDER INTERLUDE

PROCESSIONAL Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

SOLO Sylvia Fordice

INVOCATION Reverend Moore

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Jean Evans

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old & New Testament Elder J. Q. Edwards

PASTORIAL PRAYER Elder J. Q. Edwards
Upper Room Church of God In Christ

MUSIC Men's Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/ CHURCH RESOLUTIONS

..... Betty Wyatt

OBITUARY Curtiss R. Avery, Jr.

HYMN OF COMFORT How Great Thou Art
Laura DuBois

REMARKS Rev. Glen DuBois

EULOGY Rev. Moore

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL Clergy & Family

pallbearers

Curtiss R. Avery, Jr.
Dr. William Avery
David Robinson

Jay Stovel
Tommy Diggs
Earnest Avery

Dr. Edmond Thomas

FOOTPRINTS

“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,
You would walk with me all the way

*The Lord replied, “My precious, precious child.
I love you and I would never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering,
When you see only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you.”*

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery

Auspices

H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.

Acknowledgement

Words cannot convey our deep gratitude and appreciation for all the expressions of kindness and sympathy expressed towards us during our darkest hour . . . your visits, cards, telegrams, flowers and prayers will serve to brighten the lonely days ahead. We remain grateful from the depths of our hearts.

THE FAMILY

Following Interment the reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1525 Michigan Avenue.