Celebration of the Highest Good Transition

Victor E. Bibbins, Sr., Ph. D.

Entered Earth
January 8, 1947

Exalted to Heaven
October 17, 2010

Saturday, October 23, 2010

10:00 AM - Wake
11:00 AM - Service

Metropolitan AME Church
The Cathedral of African Methodism
1518 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
ORDER OF SERVICE
Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Braxton, Presiding

Invisible Ceremony.................................................. The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Hyattsville/Landover (MD), Alumni Chapter

Prelude........................................................................Organist

Hymn of Praise.........................................................“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah” #53

Invocation

Scripture Reading
   Old Testament ..................................................... Isaiah 40:28-31

Solo.............................................................................. Ms. JoAnne Clark

Remarks
   Pro Tem, Steward Board......................................... Mr. Rollie Kimbrough
   NVCC, Manassas Campus........................................ Mrs. Patricia Gary
   AMCD Representative........................................ Dr. Clemmie Soloman & Dr. Beverly O’Bryant
   Bibbins Family ..................................................... Mr. Keith Bibbins

Acknowledgements .................................................... Dr. Karen Bibbins

Selection – “Standing on the Promises” .......................... Choir

Eulogy

Recessional
Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Standing On the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:
Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of Christ my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.
(Refrain)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.
(Refrain)

Interment immediately after service – National Harmony Memorial Park

DIRECTIONS TO NATIONAL HARMONY MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY

(7101 Sherriff Rd., Landover, MD)
From Metropolitan AME: Travel East on New York Avenue until it becomes US Route 50 E. Exit Columbia Park Road towards Cheverly. Make Right on Columbia Park Road. Turn Right onto Cabin Branch Drive. Make Left on Sherriff Road.
A Celebration of Victor Eugene Bibbins Sr.’s Highest Good Transition

Dr. Victor Eugene Bibbins, Sr. was born January 8, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Arthur Frank and Leila Pearl (Hunter) Bibbins as their sixth and last child. Victor was reared with six sisters and two brothers and educated in the Detroit Public Schools. He is proud of his heritage as the great-grandson of Henry and Mary Jane Bibbins, who were escaped slaves of the Underground Railroad. Henry was from Virginia and Mary Jane was from Baltimore, Maryland. They were two of the original founders of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Detroit in May 1841.

Victor is a 4th generation AME. He gave himself to Christ as a teenager. After serving as a Steward at Bethel AME Church in Detroit, MI for three years as a young adult, he transferred his membership in 1978 to Metropolitan AME Church in Washington DC (the National Cathedral of African Methodism). In May 1980, the then pastor of Metropolitan AME, the late Right Reverend Robert L. Pruitt, facilitated Victor’s appointment to the Board of Stewards. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed as the Chair of the Class Leader System. Victor served in this position for 15 years under the Reverend Dr. Rodger Reed and the Right Reverend William P. Deveaux. From 1994-2001, Victor lived in Elizabeth City, NC and then Chesapeake, VA, where he worshiped at Saint Johns AME in Norfolk, VA. Upon his return to the Washington DC area in 2003, Victor was re-nominated and appointed to the Steward Board by the Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Braxton, and was again tasked with strengthening Class-Leadership at Metropolitan AME. He was elevated to Steward Emeritus in March 2010, and at that time had served longer than any other steward on the existing board.

Victor received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degree in Secondary Education and Counseling from Western Michigan University. His Doctor of Philosophy degree was awarded in Educational Psychology from the University of Michigan. Early in his career, Victor taught and counseled in secondary education and at the community college level in Detroit. In 1978, he relocated to the Washington D.C area, and served as the Director of the Employee Assistance Program for the Washington, DC Metropolitan Police Department. While there he was a significant contributor to the development of policy guidelines for the “Diversity Awareness Program”, which resulted in the training of over 3,000 government employees for developing skills of cultural competency.

His expertise in multiculturalism, led to the honor of serving as the National President of the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development, a division of the American Counseling Association. In 2003 this association published, Multicultural Competencies: A Guidebook of Practices, co-edited by Dr. Bibbins. He was engaged actively in policy making for advancing theological education, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio.
His leadership in higher education includes serving as an Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for Elizabeth City State University, Dean of Students for Northern Virginia Community College, and as Executive Assistant to the President of Edward Waters College. From 2001-2009, Victor served as the Chief Student Services Officer of the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. In this capacity, he provided leadership and management for delivering comprehensive student services to about 7,000 students. His work at Northern Virginia Community College also took him to South Africa, where he led a study tour for students and faculty. He has also traveled to Ghana, Nigeria, Egypt, Israel, Venezuela, Canada and the Bahamas.

Dr. Bibbins’ community service was also distinguished through his membership in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, as a 33rd Degree Mason of the Prince Hall Lodge, the Mighty Men of Metropolitan, the Men’s Choir, the Lay Organization, and the Creative and Performing Arts Center, Inc. (CAPAC).

Victor is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 30 years, Odessa Bradley Bibbins; his oldest son, Victor Eugene Bibbins, Jr. (Kendra) and daughter, Shamar Amirh, from his former union with Cynthia King Lewis; his younger son, Issa Assedo-Henry Bibbins (Khima), and youngest son, Immanuel Bradley-Ade; three grandchildren, Kason Denon, Marcia Anaya and Christian Nemani. He is also survived by four sisters --Alice Dear (Doug), Nellie Todd (Baltimore), Leila Price (Fred), Dr. Karen Bibbins, one brother, Keith (Ellen); nephews, nieces, cousins and other relatives.

Victor was a man of strong family values and deep faith. Family, friends and colleagues depended on him for counsel, unbiased and unabashed advice or simply to seek a positive approach to a challenging situation. He believed strongly that education was the key to opportunity.

Because of his love for learning and for the church, he asked to be remembered in the following manner; in lieu of flowers, you may make a contribution to: Metropolitan AME Church Scholarship Endowment – Payne Tanner Memorial, P.O. Box 19322, Washington, DC 20036. An annual scholarship of $1500 will be awarded in memory of Dr. Victor E. Bibbins, Sr. to a student seeking admission to Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio.
I was impressed by your knowledge of the Bible, love of the AME Church and your family history. We shared a love for Jesus that sealed our commitment to each other. Our debates on “the journey” vs. “the destination” kept the flame alive, and the light still burns. – Your Wife

Thank you for your guidance and love. You have given me a gift in the spirit that transcends worldly wealth. I love you and thank you for all that you instilled in me. From the legacy you left, flows the wells of abundance. Love, Issa

Thank you dad for your love and support over the years. You gave me so much wisdom and knowledge about the world. Your love and compassion will live on forever. May your soul rest in peace. Much love to you. -Immanuel

Most things in life are not certain, but what I know for sure is that your love for our entire family and me is immeasurable. Thank you for your great wisdom. I will dearly miss our long philosophical conversations and your way of viewing the world. And even though you claimed not to be in the business of giving advice, I’ll miss your great advice too! Love you much & will miss you dearly. I’m keeping you close to my heart. –Shamar

Rest in Peace Dad! We love, honor, respect and will forever miss you! Thank you for helping the Bibbins family legacy grow, prosper and know the real meaning of love, friendship, and truth! We carry the torch and know that you're smiling down on our present & future!

—Love, Victor Jr.
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We are blessed to have all of you in our lives.
Your love, kindness and encouragement strengthens
our faith and gives us comfort during this time.

REPAST
Family and friends are invited to join us for a repast
immediately following interment at:
Prince George’s Ballroom
2411 Pinebrook Avenue
Landover, MD 20785
(301) 341-5917

DIRECTIONS TO REPAST
From Washington, DC on B/W Pkwy: Take Parkway North towards Baltimore to the Cheverly exit.
Make a right onto Landover Road (202). Travel 6 stoplights to Pinebrook Avenue. Make a right and
keep straight until you reach the Ballroom parking lot.

From Washington, DC on Route 50: Take Route 50 East to Landover Road, Exit 3B (Upper
Marlboro) and stay in the right-hand lane. After the exit, travel 2 stoplights to Pinebrook Avenue and
make a right. Keep Straight until you reach the Ballroom parking lot.
EXPRESSIONS OF REMEMBERANCE

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