

Home At Last

*Celebrating the Life of
Phillip Cannon*

Saturday, August 29, 2015
11:00 a.m.



Bethel A.M.E. Church
7900 Western Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90047

Pastor Darryl E. Walker, Officiating
New Philadelphia A.M.E. Church

Obituary

Going Home to be with My Lord

Sunrise: April 21, 1934

Sunset: August 20, 2015

Phillip Cannon was born on April 21, 1934 to the late Richard Cannon, Sr. and Bessie Stein Cannon in Birmingham, Alabama. He was one of 10 children. Phillip was 3 years old when his mother passed away, leaving his father to raise the children. His older sisters help take care of him. Phillip confessed Christ at an early age and joined St. Mark C.M.E. in Edgewater, Alabama, where he was a devoted member. Phillip was an honor roll student throughout high school and he graduated from Westfield High School. He won a scholarship to play football. However, he decided to become a family man and marry his high school girlfriend Mildred Cooper. To this union he had Phillip Cannon Cooper, Jr. (deceased), Wanda C. Skipwith, and Antonio Cannon Cooper. He worked at Lloyd Noland Hospital as an orderly and X-Ray Technician in Birmingham, Alabama. Phillip later divorced and traveled and stayed in Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis. He worked as a painter and brick layer. He moved to Los Angeles, California and he worked at IPCO Warehouse in Glendale, California as a warehouseman. He met and married his second wife Mary Beatrice Crite. To this union he had Serina Cannon, Deon Cannon and his step daughter Veronica E. Woods-Crite. After leaving IPCO, he was employed in 1971 at Thrifty Warehouse in Los Angeles, as a fork-lift driver. The warehouse moved to Ontario, California in 1990, and he retired in February 1997.

Phillip Cannon was an active member of Brookins Community A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Rev. T. Larry Kirkland, now Bishop of the 5th District. Phillip and Bishop Kirkland were schoolmates in Birmingham, Alabama. He joined New Philadelphia A.M.E. Church under Rev. Sherman Gordon. His current beloved pastor is Rev. Darryl E. Walker. Phillip was a devoted member, trained the ushers and he worked on the Usher Board. He was an active Lay Member and member of the church office staff. At age 76 Phillip received his commercial license. He drove the church van to pick up members for church and he took the youth to outings. He worked at the church 2 days a week as an office assistant.

Phillip loved to wear sharp suits and hats. He always wore his Sunday best. His charm and infectious smile would light up any room. He loved to dance and he would often choreograph the usher marches. His old school moves would put young men to shame.

In 2003, Phillip received the Governor's 2003 Older Worker Recognition Award for his outstanding, life-long performance in the workplace signed by Governor Gray Davis.

Phillip's past times was fishing, playing softball, playing cards and dominoes with his buddies and friends. He loved bowling and was a member of the United States Bowling Congress. His bowling team was called the "The Democrats." His last game was in April 2015 in Las Vegas. Phillip was king of the Biz Wiz club. He only relinquished his earthly crown recently so he could move to heaven to wear the Real Crown of Glory.

Preceding him in death: his father, Richard Cannon, Sr. and mother Bessie (Stein) Cannon, brothers Richard Cannon, Jr., Paul Cannon; sisters, Min. Olivia Williams, Evangelists, Vivian I. Wilson, Lela E. Strapp; Marion Thomas, Genevieve D. Williams; his son Phillip Cannon Cooper, Jr., his granddaughter DeShaun Cooper-Lang and great grandson Cameron Phillip Lang.

Phillip answered his Heavenly Father's Call to come home on Thursday evening, August 20, 2015 at home with his loving family.

He leaves to cherish his memories wife Mary B. Cannon (California); (3) daughters Serina Cannon (California), Wanda C. Skipwith and husband David (Michael) (Alabama); Veronica E. Woods-Crite (step daughter) (California); (2) sons Antonio Cannon Cooper and wife Lana (Alabama); Deon Cannon (California); (2) daughter in-laws Judy Cooper (Alabama), Tamara Cannon (California); (1) brother Benjamin Cannon and wife Lucille (San Diego); (1) sister Vernice Atkins and husband Johnnie (Chicago); mother in-law Willie Eva Wright (Tennessee); (2) sister in-laws Bobbie M. Brooks and husband Lugean (California); Willie Mae Doss and husband Gary (Tennessee); brother in-law Terry Wright (Tennessee); 19 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Best friends Bennie and James.





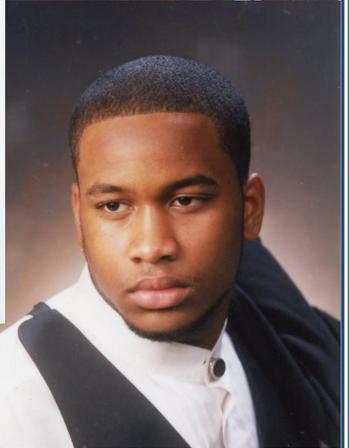
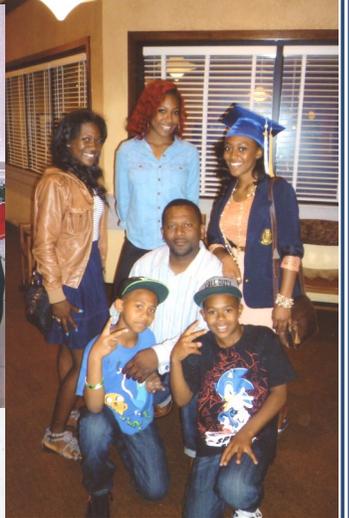
The Man



Husband & Wife











Usher March

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Growing up, I can remember the feeling of excitement I would get when I knew you were coming to visit us or we would visit you. All the fun filled laughs we all shared, your sweet spirit and infectious smile, is missed very much. I will continue to wait with that same excitement knowing I will get to see you again.

Love You So Much PaPa!
Nay (Naytalia D)

I love you Papa. I will miss you a bunch!
Love,
Kaya

Papa, you have always been there for me. I was happy that I could be there for you when you needed me the most. I love being your personal CNA. I will truly miss you.

Love,
Andrea (Angee)

Thank you for being a great PaPa to us. We will miss you!
Love,
Nya, Noelle & Nalia

Papa I love you, because you make sure me and my brothers were always happy. You are a great grandpa. You always had the funniest jokes ever. You always told us that you loved us every day, before we went to bed and before you went to work. I miss hearing your voice, seeing your smile, your hugs, I miss you every day and I will see you in heaven someday.

Love,
Tamera

Phillip,
Thank you for your love, hospitality and putting up with Mary and me for the last 30 years. You will truly be missed.

Love,
"Your adopted Sis" Neisha

I remember playing dominos with him every time we went to his house. And him saying to me one game. "I'm going take it easy on you cause you my grandson." 2 seconds later he'd slam the dominos down. "DOMINO!!!"

Love,
Michael II

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I love you Papa I'm going to miss you so much. We had great times together.

Love,
Deon Jr.

I love you grandpa. I know you are being taking care of in heaven. I will miss you.

Love,
Terry

My mind and heart knows you are in a better place, where you are pain free and at peace, my Heart is full of laughter love tears & memories that no one can ever take away. I can stop crying because I know you are happy and are watching over me and will always be with me. One day, we will be together again but until then, my love will always be there and strong for you R.I.P. Grandpa.

I Love You,
Nathan

We love you Papa and we will miss seeing you.

Love,
Precious and Jada

When I think of you Phillip, my mind goes back to my summers as a child visiting California. Even though you were not my biological father, you and Mary always made me feel like I was your daughter too. I remember when I would visit, you tell everyone this is my other daughter from Alabama and we would just laugh because some of the people would say, "She is just like you." I'm going to really miss you.

Love,
Teresa (Tee)

I will always remember you & I love you. Rest in Paradise.

Love,
Kay

I remember him taking us bowling and to the race track during the summers when we would visit L.A. R.I.P

Love,
Mark

Pall Bearers

Deon Cannon

Gary Alexander

Donald Taylor

James Graham

Toby Mc Kinstry

Bennie Graham

Deon Collier

Oliver Thompson

Orin Douglas

Robert Flournoy

Gregory Gray

Jimmy Grant

Acknowledgements

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Love,
The Family

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Interment
Rose Hills Memorial Park
3888 Workman Mill Rd, Whittier, CA 90601
Monday, August 31, 2015 at 12:00 noon