



Attrill Levon Sydnor

December 15, 1928 - December 16, 2009

Attrill Levon Sydnor, affectionately known to his family as Levon, and to his grandchildren as Popeye, was the first-born child of William Attrill Sydnor and Sarah Ida Jones Sydnor in Lawrenceville, Virginia on December 15, 1928.

He entered Gods heavenly kingdom on December 16, 2009, in Cheverly, Maryland.

He was the big brother to Jacqueline and Ulysses Sydnor. He had a wonderful childhood with a large extended family in Brunswick County, Virginia. His education was at the St. Pauls School, and graduated from St.Pauls College in 1952 with a degree in industrial arts with concentration on electricity. Levon was a proud and faithful St.Pauls alumnus, and once served as President of the alumni association, Washington, DC Chapter.

While a student at St.Pauls, Levon met Anna Juanita Manning and they married on May 12, 1952. They spent 41 years together raising their children and enjoying their grandchildren before her passing in June 22, 1993.

Levon served in the US Army during the Korean War as part of an all African-American regiment, and was awarded a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in the war. When he returned from Korea, he started apprenticing as an electrician in the Washington, DC area with Marks Electric, and he and

Juanita made their home there. Later he was hired by the US Government as an electrician at the Navy Yard, and later at the DC Government Childrens Center in Laurel, Maryland, and retired in July 1981 after 20 years of service.

While Levon was at Childrens Center, he also started a side business doing minor electrical work and later studied and earned a Master Electrician certification so he could contract his own work. After retirement, he did his own contracting work for many years as Sydnor Electric. Some of his work you can see in the Holy Comforter Church main chapel with the light fixtures he installed as part of the church renovation.

Levon was born a Baptist, yet became confirmed in the Episcopal Church. He was active in many Holy Comforter activities, and sang in the choir and Seniors Ministry.

Levons many activities spanned the church, St. Pauls and the Capitol Hill Kiwanis. He used to garden, loved fishing, traveling and taking a ride either through town or through the countryside. His passion was for helping people, often less fortunate than he was. Levon also loved to play pranks and practical jokes with family and friends, and could always be found with a wide smile.

In addition to his brother of Lawrenceville VA and sister of Hampton VA, Levon also leaves to mourn: his children Ralph DebraSydnor of Springdale, MD; Linda Lee Thomas of Newcastle, WA; William Sydnor of Washington, DC, and Denise Simpson of Alexandria VA, grandchildren Brian Marsha Sydnor of Burbank CA, Daniel and Christopher Sydnor of Springdale, MD, Grant Thomas of Newcastle, WA; Sakaia Simpson of Alexandria VA; and great-granddaughter Savannah Sydnor of Springdale, MD; aunts Nellie Shelton and Carrie Sydnor of New York City and Bernice Sydnor of Lawrenceville, VA, uncle Richard Sydnor of New York City, brother-in-law Col. James A. Manning

of Lakewood, WA and sisters-in-law Altha Manning of Tallahassee, FL and Jeanne Manning of Lakewood, WA, nephews Arthur Manning of Newport News VA, and Russell Manning of Orlando, FL, and niece Michele William Herman of Auburn WA, a special friend, W. Ann Jones of Alexandria VA, and a host of relatives and friends from across the United States.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorial contributions be made to the Bishop John Thomas Walker National Learning Center at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Washington DC or to Saint Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Attrill Levon Sydnor*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Dear Sydnor Family Members; The "Inspector" has closed his eyes and announced that he'll see us in the 'morrow. Know that my joys in life where had because of A. Levon. We were "cut-budies" from the very beginning when Juanita brought him to Jersey to meet the Manning Family of Orange. To my neice and nephews and greats, I will love you unconditionally into the future as you lay to rest, my partner. God bless and keep you in the palm of his hand. Uncle Jimmy##imported-begin##Colonel James A & Mrs Jeanne Manning##imported-end##*

December 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Just wanted to extend my heartfelt sympathy to a friend I have known for over 3 decades. You and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Carolyn Woodfork Richardson MD & Family##imported-end##*

December 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace!!!##imported-begin##Nsubuga Martin Herbert##imported-end##*

December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ralph, Linda, Billy, Denise and the entire family of Levon Sydnor, Although its difficult today to see beyond the sorrow. May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. As the days go by and the months turn into years, may your memories turn gold from all of the tears. Our hearts go out to each of you in your time of sorrow.*

*With Love, Prayers and Heartfelt Sympathy,
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Powell and Joyce of Bowie, MD and
Janice##imported-begin##Janice P. Rudolph##imported-end##*

December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My best wishes are expressed for Levon's children, and grands and other special people in his life. May you cherish the good memories you gathered during his lifetime and keep them in your heart to replay in time of need for comfort. Love, Aunt Altha##imported-begin##Altha F. Manning##imported-end##*

December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Simpson and Sydnor Families:

I am sorry for the loss of Levon. I had the good fortune of meeting him one time while he was enjoying a meal with his daughter, Denise. From that simple encounter, it was obvious was a nice person Levon was.

My deepest sympathies are extended to Levon's family. Take comfort in knowing that he is with God and there really is no better place to be.

God Bless,

Laura Smith##imported-begin##Laura Smith##imported-end##

December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Denise, my heart and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time. I am here for you if you need anything at all. May God continue to bless and uplift you and your family. Your father is no longer suffering and with God. Love you. -Darcel##imported-begin##Darcel Pugh##imported-end##

December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I send my prayers and deepest sympathies to my cousins during their time of grieving. Uncle Levon was a wonderful light in this world, and I deeply mourn his passing. May light perpetual shine upon him.##imported-begin##Michele Manning Herman##imported-end##

December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers are with you at the loss of your loved one.##imported-begin##Theron Q Hooks##imported-end##

December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Sydnor Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I know that he was loved by all, but God loved him best. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this challenging time.##imported-begin##Deborah Whitfield##imported-end##

December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Julia P. Marshall and the entire staff of Marshall's Funeral Home extend our deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing of your loved one. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy for your loss. May our thoughts and prayers provide comfort for your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Marshalls Funeral Home Cathedral Chapel##imported-end##

December 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM