

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Cecil Hamilton Brathwaite, III



Sunrise:

November 12, 1952

Sunset:

July 27, 2021

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Family Hour: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection FTH Psalmist

Acknowledgements

Reverend Reginald Hart, Pleasing the Lord Christian Center, (Friend)

Mr. Michael Callender, (Friend)

Reverend Don Hutchins, Associate Minister

New Bethel Baptist Church, Washington, DC, (Friend)

Obituary (Read Silently)

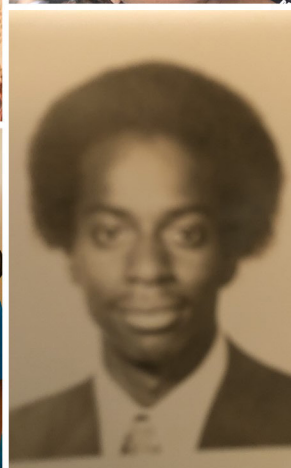
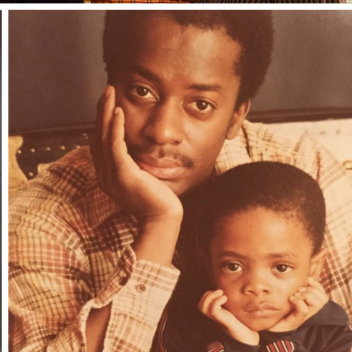
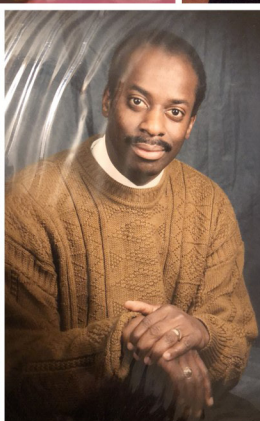
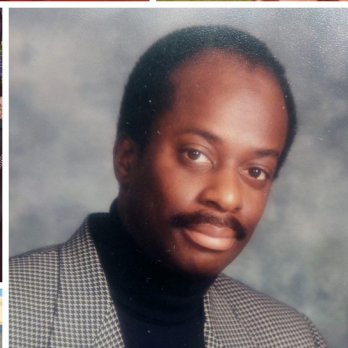
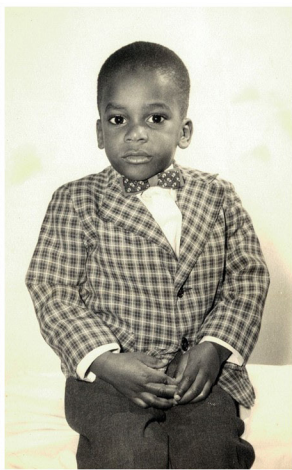
Song of Preparation FTH Psalmist

Message of Hope Reverend Walter V. McLaughlin, III

Call to Christ

The Benediction

The Recessional



OBITUARY



Cecil Hamilton Brathwaite, III was born on November 12, 1952 in Brooklyn, NY, to Cecil Hamilton Brathwaite and Viola Roslyn Mosley Brathwaite. He was an only child, but later in life he received the blessing of a playmate and adopted brother, Christopher Brathwaite with whom they shared many memories.

Cecil began his education in the public schools of New York City. He was a diehard New Yorker—and even though he and his family moved to the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area in 1967, he would always make sure that people knew he was from “Brooklyn.”

Cecil loved sports—in particular—track and field. He joined the track team at Western High School in his freshman year and continued competing until graduation. He would say that he represented his school well as he won many trophies for his team. He was also a member of the ROTC and enjoyed being an intricate part of the Rifle Team.

After his graduation in 1970, Cecil set his sights on the next phase of his life. He enrolled at Howard University and later American University where he pursued his career as a photo journalist. Photography became his passion. He connected with some of the great professional photographers in this area and became a member of the Professional Photographers of America where he enjoyed photographing an array of events—including Presidential Inaugurations, well-known personalities and social events, etc.

While he studied photography, Cecil worked full-time with the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. He has held numerous jobs but nothing compared to when he was able to establish his own photography company—Brathwaite Photo—in the 1990s. He was elated! Not only was he elated about his photography business, but also in 2015 Cecil embarked on another business adventure in network marketing (ACN) that would enhance his family’s life and the lives of many other families.

In late 1979, Cecil experienced another turn of events in his life—he met his wife of 41 years—Edna Carol Adams. They met in downtown Washington, DC at his place of employment as by then he was working in his field—photography. They had a swift courtship and by June 1980 wedding bells were ringing! Years later they were blessed with twin daughters—Rashida and Akilah.

In 1985, Cecil was invited to church by one of his co-workers. She knew he was looking for a church home and knew just the place—From the Heart Church Ministries (FTH)! Cecil gave his life to Christ and joined FTH in 1986 and became very involved in the life of the ministry. He was also a faithful member of the Men's Fellowship, Photography Ministry, Children's Nursery Ministry and the Usher's Ministry.

Over the years, Cecil had become an avid cyclist. He enjoyed going on early morning rides with friends and even did some distance cycling within the community. In an attempt to get healthier, he had also started walking up to five miles a day. He continued walking and cycling until he was no longer able to when in early 2020, he was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer. Cecil's journey with bone cancer was one for the text books — his faith and mental toughness always seemed to shine through. He was not going to let an illness define him! With God's grace and his mental fortitude he was able to endure a major surgery (hemipelvectomy), various types of chemotherapy, and the isolation of hospitalization during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cecil leaves to cherish his memory, his faithful wife, Edna Carol Brathwaite of 41 years, twin daughters, Rashida Z. Brathwaite and Akilah J. Brathwaite; and a loving family of aunts, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Viola Brathwaite; and brother, Christopher Brathwaite.



We love you!!!





ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The entire family of Cecil H. Brathwaite, III sincerely thanks all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support during our time of bereavement. We appreciate every act of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you all in perfect peace!



SPECIAL THANKS

The family of Cecil H. Brathwaite, III would like to thank all of the medical facilities and professionals that cared for him during his battle with cancer — the Skip Viragh Outpatient Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, the Emergency Room attendees and staff at Sibley Memorial Hospital, Adventist Home Health Service of Waldorf, Dankmeyer Prosthetics and Orthotics and the Hospice of Chesapeake.

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