

***In Loving Memory  
of***

# ***Ahaz Harold Milam***

***Sunrise***

***May 4, 1933***

***Sunset***

***September 29, 2021***



***“The Telephone Man,” and a dad to many***

***“In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his  
children shall have a place of refuge.”***

***Proverbs 14:26***

***Friday, October 15, 2021***

***Family Hour: 10:00 a.m.***

***Service: 11:00 a.m.***

***From the Heart Church Ministries®***

***Annex at 5055 Allentown Road  
Suitland, MD 20746***

***Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor***

# *Order of Service*

**Invocation**

**Scripture Reading**

*Old Testament: Psalm 31:1-5*

*New Testament: John 14:1-6*

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Selection** .....*FTH Psalmist*

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

*Paul Milam, Brother  
Steven Crawford, Son  
Pamela Crawford, Cousin*

**Obituary** (*Read Silently*)

**Song of Preparation**.....*FTH Psalmist*

**Message of Hope** .....*Minister Samuel Walker*

**Call to Christ**

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

## Obituary

Ahaz Harold Milam, (affectionately known as Hal), was born On May 4, 1933, to the late Lawrence and Mary Milam in Greenville, SC. He departed this life to be with the Lord on September 29, 2021, after a long illness at his home in Upper Marlboro, Md. He was the fourth of twelve children. Three brothers, Wade Milam, Lawrence Milam, Jr. (Bill), Marshall Milam, and three sisters, Willie Mae, Elijah Lee and Martha Ruth preceded him in death.

Hal entered into holy matrimony with the love of his life, Marion C. Milam, and for 44 years they built a life of service in their church and dedication to family and friends. As a surrogate father to many in his sphere of influence, Hal provided love and support to many, including children and stepchildren. He demonstrated care and concern for neighborhood friends with whom his son Jay surrounded himself. He provided love and support to many, primarily to Jeffrey and Russell, who predeceased him; and Greg, Adrian, Sharon, and Gale until they were of majority age. They went their separate ways, living successful lives, which was his wish and prayer. He also leaves to mourn his passing, a very special son, Steven C., with whom he shared a special bond of love and closeness.

Hal was educated in the primary and secondary public schools of Greenville, South Carolina, where he excelled in vocational endeavors and was an extraordinary basketball player, a skill that seemed to run in his family. His mom, dad and entire immediate family all moved to the Washington, DC area in the early 1960s, and many continues to reside in the MDV area.

Upon arriving in Washington, DC, Hal began a lifelong career with the local telephone companies; and has worked in various capacities for AT&T, C&P Telephone Co., Bell Atlantic and retired from Verizon after 35 years of service. He was a pioneer in his field, being the first African American to gain status as a telephone lineman, repairer, installer and communications technical engineer. He received many accolades and commendations during his years of work. After his retirement, he started his own communications business, which he ran for another 15 years.

During this period, he was also busy raising and coaching his son, Jay, in school sports, in ROTC drills, and carpooled him to all his extracurricular activities, where Jay excelled in swimming and won trophies and honorable mentions at regional swim meets and martial arts tournaments. Hal's main goal was to ensure his son's success and to keep him away from the negative influences of his time. After Jay's graduation from high school in 1997; Hal devoted the rest of his life to his beloved wife. They loved to travel, and both were actively involved in church ministries. For example, Membership Care, Nursing Ministries as well as Men's and Women of God Lifegivers' Fellowships and retreats. Hal, Marion and Jay joined Full Gospel AME Zion Church in 1988, now known as "From the Heart Church Ministries®" under the leadership of the late Episcopal Pastor John Cherry. They have never veered from the faith since that time.

Hal was also a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason; and upon learning that he had to relinquish his membership, he followed the authority of his church. He was a man of faith and conviction; and prayer was his first order of the day. He would always say when confronted with life issues, "let me take a walk and talk to God, and when I get back, I'll have the answer." And he always did!

In addition to his loyal and loving wife, Marion, and devoted sons, Jay (SeLinda) and Steven (Theresa), Harold leaves to mourn his passing; brothers Elder John Milam, Paul Milam (Ruth), and Randolph Milam; sisters, Alice Kyle and Lenora Thompson; brothers in law George Crawford (Annette) and Terry Crawford, sisters in law Maxine O'Neal and Annie Crawford; and a host of other relatives, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends.

## *I Care*

*I just wanted to  
send you a little  
something to show  
you that I care.  
As your friend, I will  
grieve with you.  
As your friend, I will  
cry with you.  
As your friend I can  
feel your pain.  
Although I'm not  
physically in your  
presence, I am just a  
phone call away.  
And, as life gets easier,  
as your friend I will  
always make you  
smile. If only for just  
a minute to help dry  
up your tears.  
as your friend, I will  
always love you.*

*GOD BLESS,  
ALMA LEE*

## *Eternal Love*

*The first time I saw your face  
I knew that love  
had finally found me.  
Our bond outlasts time and space  
A love that will last for  
Eternity.  
Your last words to me  
"I love you baby"  
I will never forget  
And my words to you  
"Love never dies  
And I will love you forever."  
Your loving wife, Marion*

# *I Thought of You Today*

*Anonymous*

*I thought of you with love today, but  
that is nothing new*

*I thought about you yesterday and  
days before that too,*

*I think of you in silence*

*I often speak your name*

*All I have are precious memories  
and your picture in a frame*

*Your memory is my keepsake  
with which I'll never part*

*God has you in His keeping*

*I have you in my heart.*

*-Your Loving Wife*

*Marion*



## *Sons to Dad*

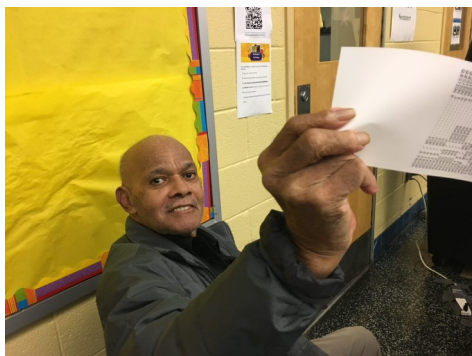
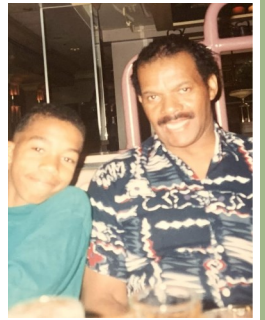
*Dear Dad,*

*We just want you to know that we love you.*

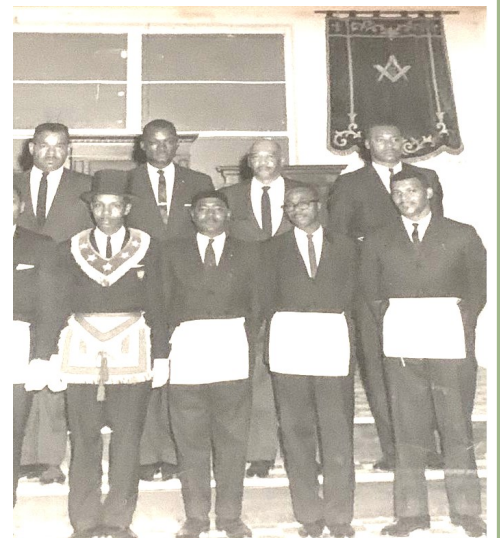
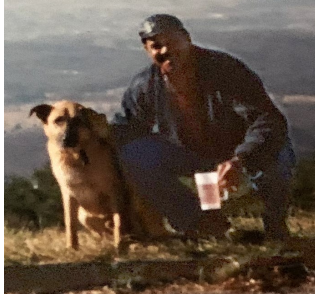
*We may not have been the best sons all the time, but we love you  
and appreciate how you raised us. It's really real out here, and  
your upbringing makes it better for us to deal with this thing  
called life. Your "Come Back to Jesus" sons.*

*Jay and Steven*













## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*The family of Ahaz Harold Milam acknowledges with deep appreciation every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God richly bless you. We love you all.*

## **REPAST**

*The Milam family would like you to know that a repast will be held at the Milam Family Home. The repast will immediately follow the Memorial Service. You are welcome to come and fellowship with them there.*

### ***Services Entrusted to:***

*Wiseman Funeral Home and Chapel  
7529 Old Alexandria Ferry Road  
Clinton, MD 20735*