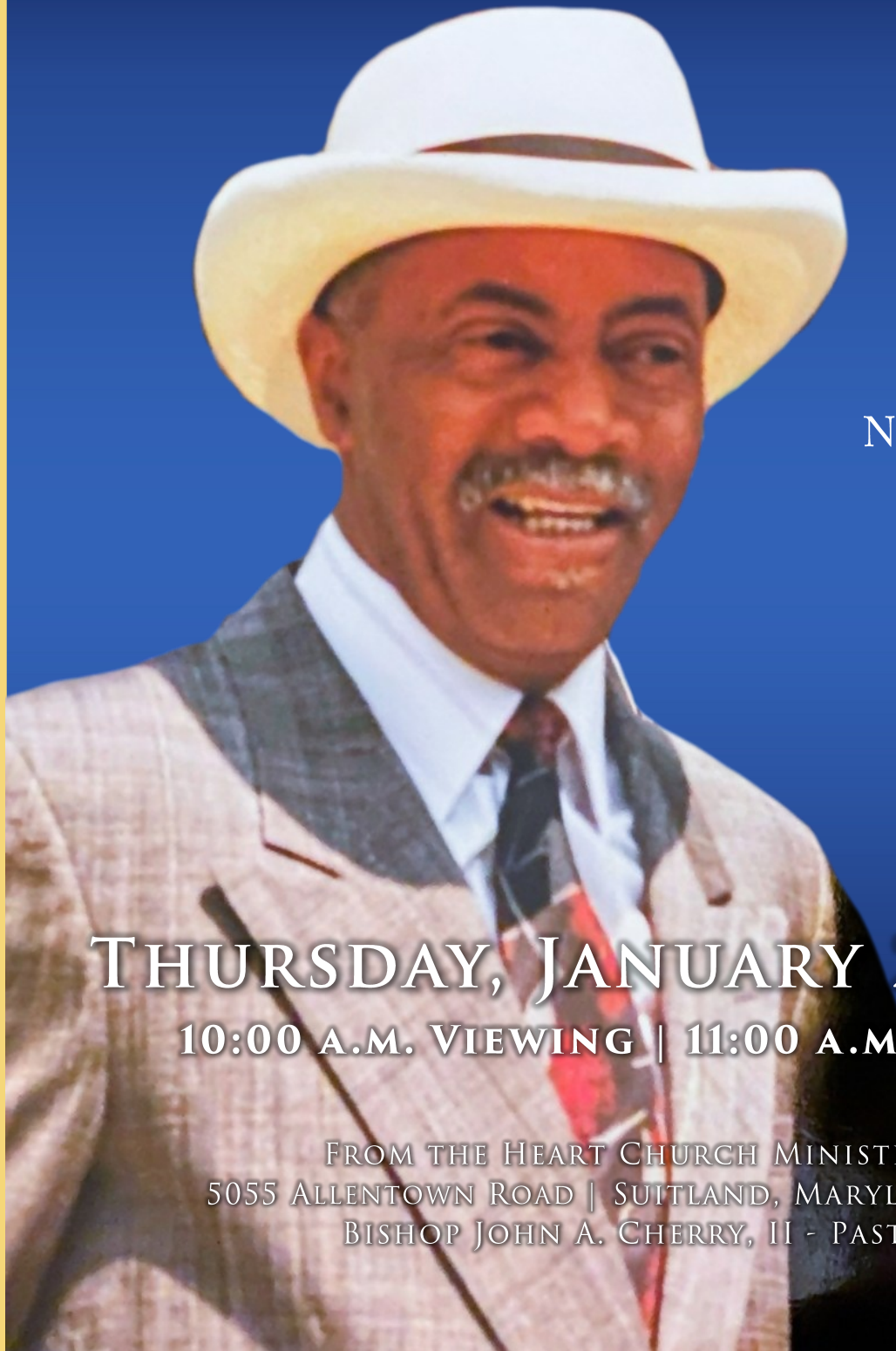


Celebrating the Life of

# WILLIAM AMOS PETTY



SUNRISE  
November 16, 1937

SUNSET  
January 3, 2025

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

10:00 A.M. VIEWING | 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

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# OBITUARY

**William “Sonny Boy” Amos Petty**, age 87, of Temple Hills, Maryland, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 3, 2025. He was born on November 16, 1937, to the late Amos William Petty and Mildred Vaytee Hancock Petty in Roanoke, Virginia.

Amos, the younger of two children, received his formal education in Roanoke. He later served in the United States Army (Ski Patrol Unit) and was stationed in Alaska and Washington. After being honorably discharged from the military, he married Phyllis Meadows. They were blessed with three children: William Petty, Jr., Phillip Petty, and Ralph Petty, and settled in Washington, D.C.

In 1970, Amos remarried Janice Willis, and from that union came Raynard Willis and Marvis Raijet Willis. He loved his children and was proud of all their accomplishments. William Amos, Jr. and Raynard both served in the military. Phillip is a skilled tradesman; and Ralph is an electrician with IBEW Local Union 26 in Washington, D.C. Raijet worked for the Internal Revenue Service as a chief counsel secretary.

On December 15, 1991, Amos accepted Jesus Christ in his life and joined From the Heart Church Ministries in Camp Springs, Maryland. He truly loved learning God’s Word and fellowshiping with the congregation before and after Sunday morning service. A faithful servant of God, he was a true advocate for offering wisdom, guidance, and blessings to his family and friends.

Amos held several jobs in his lifetime. While living in Roanoke, he worked at the Ponce De Leon Hotel and Hotel Roanoke as a waiter. He was an exceptional waiter for both hotels and was selected by management to frequently travel to Hot Springs Resort in Covington, Virginia. For a short period, he lived in New York and worked at the Empire State Building for a textile carpet company. He then moved to Washington, D.C., and was an attendant for a Texaco gas station and a laundry service, a salesman for a home improvement company, and a bellman for the Quality Inn Hotel on Capitol Hill, where he retired.

Amos enjoyed spending time with his family. In fact, he talked with his sister, Doris Bundick, and their cousin, Harold Finney, every day—conversing about the highlights of his day and catching up on family business. He also enjoyed quality time with his cousin, Lynn Tyler, and bi-weekly coffee meetings with his best friend, Herbert White. Amos looked forward to family fishing trips, family reunions, and getting together for the annual Washington Commanders’ game in October. He was a true fan and enjoyed watching televised games with family and friends. Moreover, he thoroughly enjoyed old Western movies and newscasts; Judge Judy became his favorite television show in his later years. He was a true world traveler who was blessed to visit many states and countries such as; Puerto Rico, Florida, Hawaii, Jamaica, Minnesota, North Carolina, Maine, Arkansas, Nevada, California, Bahamas, London, Belize, and Aruba to name a few. He adored his dog Rusti. And he was an excellent cook who blessed everyone who came by his home with a delicious meal.

Amos left a lasting impact on everyone, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory his sons: Amos Petty, Jr., Phillip “Pete” Petty, and Ralph L. Petty (Doreen); grandchildren: Patrice Brown, Raphael Merchant, and Tierza Clark; sister, Doris Hancock Bundick; nieces, Bobbie Malone and Cherie Chambers; nephew, Dirk Bundick; aunt, Rita Petty-Coger; and a host of other family and friends.

Amos was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Willis; children, Raynard Willis and Marvis Raijet Willis; and grandson, Darnell Willis.

Mr. William “Sonny Boy” Amos Petty will always be remembered as a man of distinction. He was well-loved during his lifetime, today as we celebrate his life, and in the many days to come.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Invocation

Congregational Hymn .....“It Is Well”

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 34:1-8  
New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

## Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....FTH Psalmist

## Acknowledgements

## Remarks

Ms. Hazel Dent, Family Friend  
Mr. Herbert White, Family Friend  
Ms. Bobbie Malone, Niece

## Obituary *(Read Silently)*

Song of Preparation .....FTH Psalmist

Message of Hope .....Minister Robert Dickerson

## Call to Christ

## Recessional

## Interment

National Harmony Memorial Park  
7101 Sheriff Road | Hyattsville, Maryland 20785

# FAMILY SENTIMENTS

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## *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

*By David Romaro*

*When tomorrow starts without me  
And I'm not here to see  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
Are filled with tears for me  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today  
While thinking of the many things  
We didn't get to say  
I know how much you love me  
As much as I love you  
And each time you think of me  
I know you'll miss me too  
But when tomorrow starts without me  
Please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name  
And took me by the hand  
And said my place was ready  
In heaven far above  
And that I'd have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love  
But when I walked through Heaven's gate  
I felt so much at home  
When God looked down and smiled at me  
From His great golden throne  
He said this is eternity  
And all I promised you  
Today your life on earth is past  
But here it starts anew  
I promise no tomorrow  
For today will always last  
And since each day's the same way  
There no longing for the past  
So when tomorrow starts without me  
Don't think we're far apart  
For every time you think of me  
I'm right here in your heart.*

# CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

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## *IT IS WELL*

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

### *Chorus*

*It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

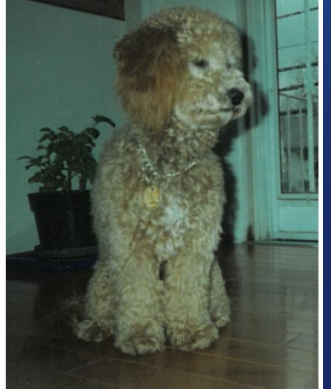
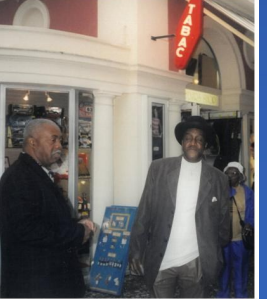
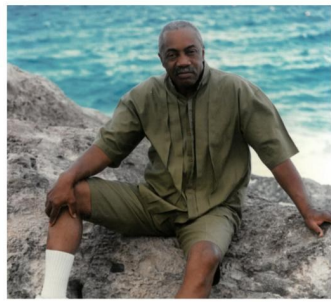
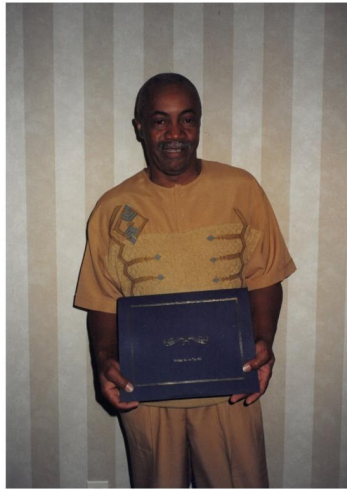
*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

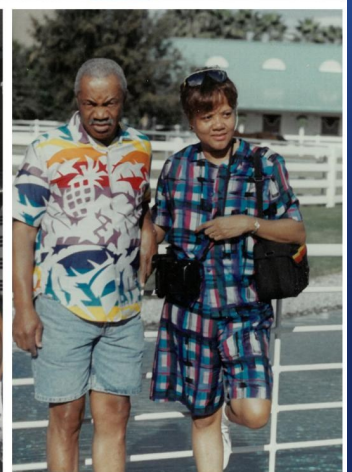
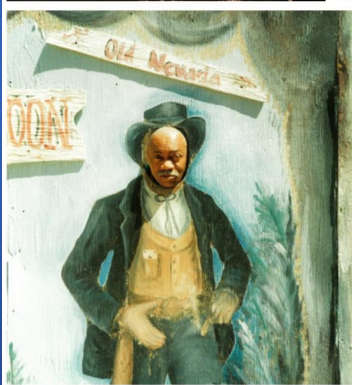
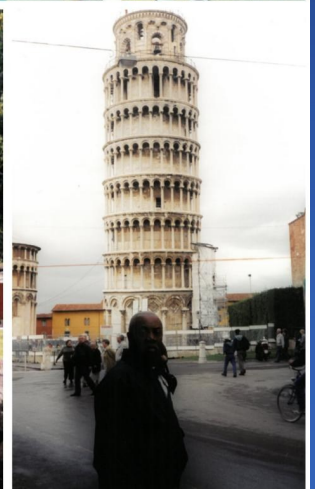
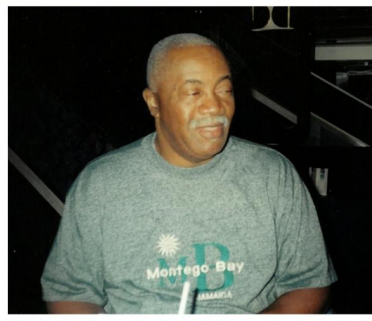
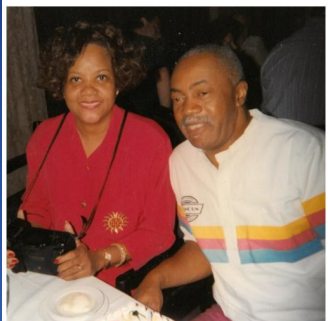
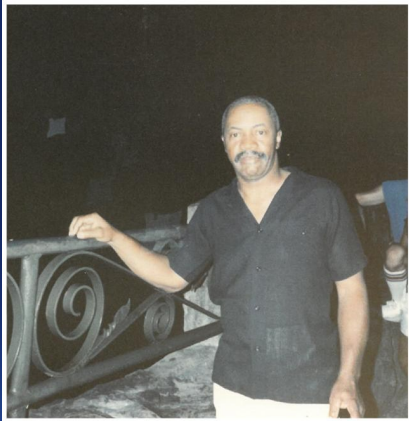
### *Chorus*

*And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

### *Chorus*

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## PALLBEARERS

*Family and Friends*

## FLOWER BEARERS

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