

Celebrating the Life of
EARL LEE BRANCH, SR.

January 17, 1954 - April 13, 2026



TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026
10:00 A.M. VIEWING | 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

FROM THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES®
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OBITUARY

Earl Lee Branch, Sr., was born on January 17, 1954, to Leroy and Gertrude Branch. He departed this earthly life on April 13, 2026.

Earl, the sixth of seven children, attended the District of Columbia Public Schools and graduated from Western High School. A very talented artist and painter, he worked as an illustrator at the prestigious Howard University.

In addition to his many skills, Earl was an entrepreneur. He worked as a carpenter, a dog trainer, and a blind maker, among other occupations. He took great pride in his work. In his leisure time, he enjoyed fishing, boating, riding horses, and skating. He was an avid swimmer as well.

In 1974, Earl wed the love of his life, Patricia, and they were happily married for 51 years. To their union were born sons, Earl Lee, Jr., and Dorian D'Amon. He was a wonderful and devoted father to his children.

Earl was an excellent cook who enjoyed creating exquisite dishes for his family during Thanksgiving, Christmas, for family reunions, and other gatherings. Furthermore, he admired and owned all types of creatures. Alligators, turtles, tropical birds like the blue-and-yellow Macaw, parrots, colorful finches, doves, lovebirds, and iguanas were among the many creatures he loved and kept.

In 1999, Earl and Patricia joined From the Heart Church Ministries where they were taught the uncompromising Word of God. He deeply loved his family, his church, and his community. Earl will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Earl leaves to cherish his memories, his loving and devoted wife, Patricia; sons, Earl Jr. (Adrienne) and Dorian D'Amon; daughters-in-love: Raina, Rhoda, Chantelle, and Christina; grandchildren: Ashley, Namir (Roxann), Mayia, Taylor, Dorian Jr., Morgan, Julian, Payton, Quincy, and Quron; great-grandchildren: Nalah, Nneka, Demi, and Malachi; sisters: Vera, Ida, and Theresa; brother, Michael; fourteen sisters-in-law; thirteen brothers-in-law; best friend, Timothy Handy; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and Gertrude Branch, and his brother, Jerry Branch. His sister, Marie, passed on April 29, 2026.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Congregational Hymn“It Is Well”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 34:1-8

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Ms. Nalah Jones

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Mr. Namir Branch, Grandson
Mr. Timothy Handy, Best Friend

Poem Ms. Tarek Datcher

Obituary *(Read Silently)*

Song of PreparationMrs. Linda Gray

Message of Hope Reverend Justin K. Young

Call to Christ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

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.

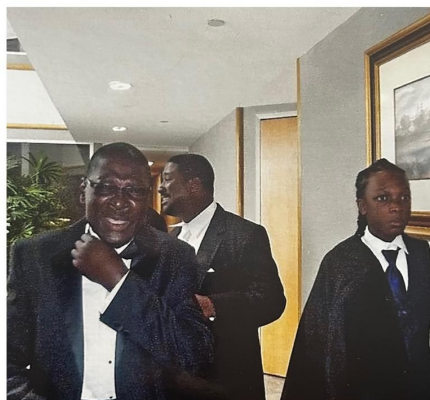
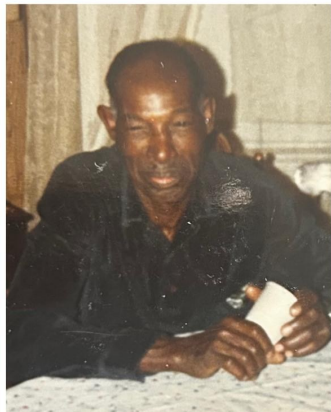
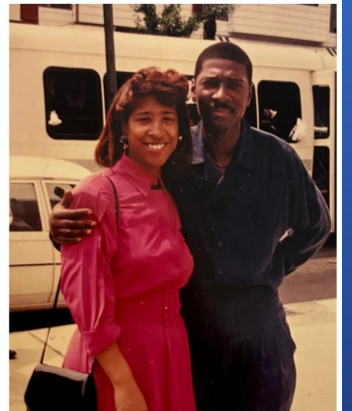
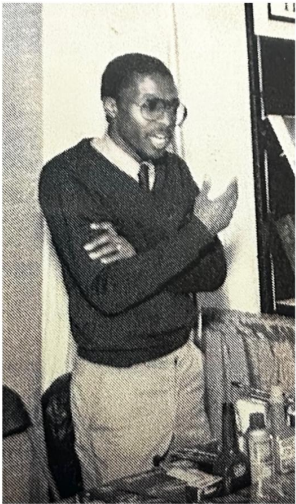
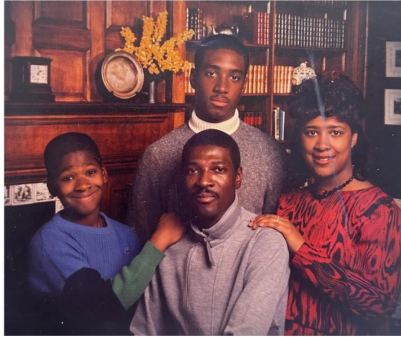
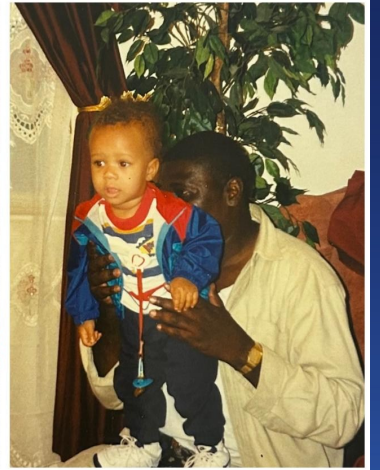
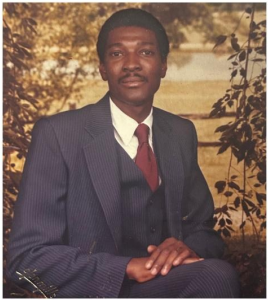
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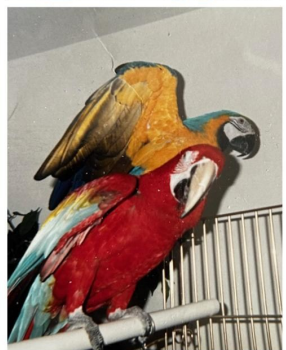
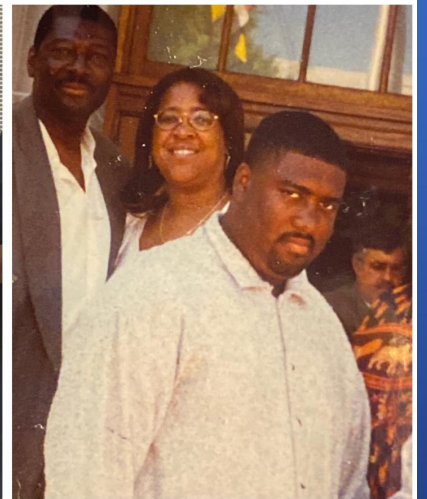
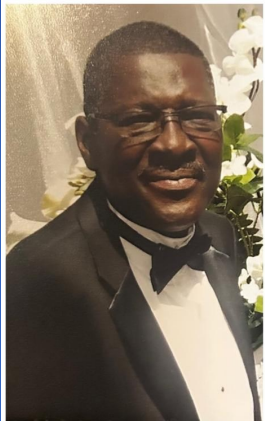
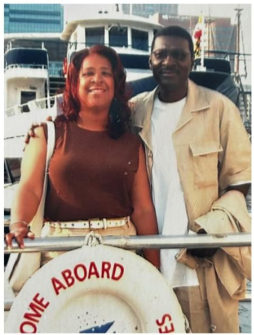
FAMILY SENTIMENT

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

-Anne Lindgren Davison





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The entire Branch family sincerely thanks all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace.

SPECIAL THANKS

We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to Bishop John A. Cherry, II, his wife, Reverend LaWanda Cherry, and the From the Heart Church Ministries Family for your many expressions of love.

A special thank you to the nursing staff of Hospice of the Chesapeake.

PALLBEARERS

Namir Branch, Dorian Branch, Jullian Branch,
Payton Branch, Timothy Branch, and Kevin Branch

FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

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