



## George Leroy Pettis

June 22, 1941 - April 9, 2007

George Leroy Pettis, Sr., devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle was born June 22, 1941 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was the sixth of seven children born to Otis and Gladys Pettis. George, who was always called "Bubby", was educated in Baltimore City Schools. He attended Baltimore City College and graduated Valedictorian in 1959. That same year, he enrolled in Howard University. He was an honor student - studying to become a doctor. However, after two years, he left college and joined the United States Air Force, where he continued his college education. Because of his leadership ability and intelligence, he was quickly promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In 1970, Bubby was honorably discharged from military service. While stationed in Florida, Bubby met and married Frankie Pettis on December 5, 1964. To this marriage were born a son and a daughter. Bubby and Frankie were two-halves that made a complete whole. Rarely would you see one without the other. On Monday, April 9, 2007, and after forty-three years of marriage, this union of love was broken. Bubby was a faithful, committed and dedicated employee. After his military service, he began his career at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Other opportunities became available and he went to work with Provident and Union Memorial Hospitals, respectively. However, Johns Hopkins realized his value as an employee and brought him back. He remained at Johns Hopkins Hospital until his retirement in 2001. Bubby was a Pathologist and worked on special cancer research. Often, he was asked to give seminars and lectures on his findings. Bubby joined the Masons in 1971

and on July 14, 1973, he became a Grand Master. He held this position for seventeen years with four Grand Matrons. He loved this organization and worked tirelessly to accomplish its goals. Some of his accomplishments included: Member of the Queen of the South, Exalted Degree, Shriner's Department and President of the Grand Joint Executive Board. He currently held the position of Worshipful Master of New Pilgrim Lodge #5. He was the only 33rd Degree Master in the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons in the State of Maryland and carried the title of "The Illustrious George L. Pettis." Bubby was truly a special person. His quiet and soft-spoken mannerism drew people to him. He was easy going, even-tempered, witty, and had a humble spirit. For many he was a counselor, mentor, encourager and friend who was always there with a listening ear and a big and caring heart. His warm smile and laughter would always lift a heavy burden. Bubby loved people. Bubby was born into a deep-rooted Christian family of Faith and he began his spiritual walk early in life. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, was baptized under the ministry of George A. Crawley, Jr. and a member of St. Paul Baptist Church. Bubby was a great husband and father who took his responsibilities seriously, as the head of his household, according to Biblical principles. He was a good provider to his family and their source of support and strength. Bubby loved family. He looked forward to the family getting together and holidays were his favorite times. He always had a joke or story to tell and family members were eager to hear the words of wisdom and knowledge he shared. Bubby was coorganizer of the yearly Pettis Family Reunion and last year, 2006, was the best and most memorable reunion ever held. Bubby was also well known, loved and highly respected in his community and organizations. He was a rare jewel in these days and times and a good example of what a man should be. The legacy he left will continuously live on through those that knew and loved him. The race for GEORGE L. PETTIS, SR., ended suddenly on Monday, April 9, 2007. Instantly, he took off mortality, put on immortality, and is now in his eternal heavenly home. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. His

mother, Gladys and father, Otis; his sisters, Christine, Evelyn and Francis; brothers-in-law, Clarence and Herbert; niece, Sandra; nephews, Aaron and Shelton; and his lifetime friend, Wilbert, have all preceded him in death. Bubby leaves to mourn: his wife, Frankie; son, George Jr.; daughter, Erica Bryant (Joseph); grandchildren, Ryan, Eric and Jaelen; brother, Lawrence Pettis (Neffie); sisters, Agatha Shanks and Marion Pettis; sisters-in-law, Mary Jackson (Atlanta) and Evelyn Thomas (Alabama); brother-in-law, James Thomas (Las Vegas); nephews, Herbert Jr. (Lorraine), Anthony, Kevin (Rochelle), Clarence, Steven (Linda), Marvin, Lawrence (Charity), Jonathan and Scott; nieces, Patricia, Sharon, Carolyn (Eric) and Ashley; and a host of other relatives, lodge brothers and sisters and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ George Leroy Pettis

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“ He walks with God.##imported-begin##Sergi Path##imported-end##

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“ Hello ! Pettis ! May I send my condolences to you all. Lossing a dear love one breaks the circle of life for all. Mr. George was almost 66 years old. Thinking about life, many wonder What is God's purpose for mankind today? What hope is there for our love ones? The bible has all the answer for us, at Isa. 45:18,Our Refuge is the best hope for mankind, Ps.46:1-2. I have lost love ones too and know the pain and hurt that comes from our enemy that causes death as the bible say at 1 Cor. 15:26.I hope these thoughts will prove to be postive to read.May reflecting on all the times shared with Mr. George through the years help to support you all in life journey.##imported-begin##Lillian Crosby##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences. I know this is hard to deal with, because losing a loved one is a most devastating thing. Try to remember the good times you shared with him, and remember to that Almighty God has not forgotten him, and one day his word says that the dead will be brought back to life. Acts 24,15 says, And I have hope towards God that there will be a ressurection of the righteous, as well as the unrighteous. May the thought of being reunited with your loved one again, bring you comfort in the days ahead.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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“ To the family and friends, I offer my sincere sympathy. The loss of one we love causes much sorrow and grief for us all. But there is a remedy to this condition of death. It is the resurrection promised by "the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort who will comfort us in all our tribulation" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4). Job 14:15,15 lets us know that God has a "yearning" an earnest longing and desire to resurrect the dead. May you find comfort from these promises in God's word the Bible as we await the fulfillment of this wonderful provision.##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. First Corinthians 15: 26 tells us that our "enemy death" will be "destroyed". Those in the "memorial tombs" will come back to life. (John 5:28,29) May you receive much comfort and strength from these loving promises of the Bible. And may you draw close to the maker of them Jehovah God and his Son Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##S. Hill##imported-end##

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“ To the family and friends: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##

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