



## Deacon Raymond Kearney

May 24, 1955 - April 1, 2016

### Life's Reflections

Deacon Raymond Kearney represents good qualities of a loving husband, provider for the family, a father that lead by example, showed outstanding judgement and understanding. He was a humble man, a godly man, a friend that you could trust.

It is his life's journey and experiences that shaped him, the bad and the good. That is what made him a man.

He is the son of Deacon Clarence and Deaconess Pattie Scott, the oldest of six children. He is the grandson of the late Deacon B.B. Kearney and Deaconess Mary A. Kearney.

He started his early education in the Richmond City Public Schools and was a Boy Scout at Pilgrim Baptist where he learned character development and

citizenship training. He graduated from John Marshall High School 1973 and was part of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) military youth program, which he joined. He attended J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and was enrolled in Business Management program.

He joined Pilgrim Baptist Church at the early age of nine. Raymond rejoined Pilgrim 1997 after a lengthy absence and served in the following capacity: Men's Usher Board, Male Chorus and Chairman of the Father's Day Committee several times. On June 10, 2007, Raymond became a Deacon in the church which he was very honored to become.

Raymond's health began to lessen March of 2013, while working at Phillip Morris USA. He was a dedicated worker for 37 years (known to many of his coworkers as Big Smooth). He retired from Phillip Morris USA, February 1, 2014. His failing health kept him from starting a new career and traveling the world which he so desired.

On April 1, 2016, he went home to be with his heavenly Father after a 3 year battle of cancer. He was prepared and ready! He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Florine Kearney; two daughters, Robin and Reneé Garrett; son, Anton R. Kearney; one grandson, Xzavion R. Watkins; mother and step-father, Patty K. and Clarence Scott; two sisters, Gwen Gray (Mark) and Andrea Jeremiah; four brothers, Jamerson Wood, Marcellious Scott, Gregory Scott (Dana) and Vincent Kearney whom he considered his brother; aunt, Deacon Mattie K. Ward was like a second mother to him; his long-times best friend for over 38 years; former wife, Wanda Adkins Kearney the mother of Anton Kearney; a host of other relatives and loving friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## viewing

APR 7. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Family Hour

APR 7. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Pilgrim Baptist Church  
1900 Whitcomb Street  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Raymond Kearney*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Ran and Sandra Seaborn purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Deacon Raymond Kearney.*



**Ran and Sandra Seaborn** - April 07, 2016 at 02:00 AM



“ *Sincere condolences to the Family. Wonderful Co- worker, funny. Better know as Big Smooth in ET Department.*

*Debra Akrie*

**Debra Akrie** - April 06, 2016 at 07:52 PM



“ *Cousin Francine Washington purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deacon Raymond Kearney.*



**Cousin Francine Washington** - April 06, 2016 at 07:41 PM

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“ My heartfelt sympathies & condolence to the family for the loss of your loved one. May The Most High God comfort and sustain you all as you throw your burdens upon him during this difficult time.  
(Psalms 55:22)

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**T. Parker** - April 05, 2016 at 06:10 AM

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“ Sending my sincere condolences to the family at this most difficult time. May the God of comfort be with you and may you find hope in his promises brought out in revelations 21:3,4

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**c thompson** - April 05, 2016 at 05:47 AM

PB

“ Florene, Please know that my prayers are with you and the girls. May God strengthen you in time of need. With love from Paige Butts-Jones and Oak Grove Family from Emporia.

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**Paige Butts-Jones** - April 04, 2016 at 07:07 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - April 04, 2016 at 03:41 PM