



Elder John L. Casteel

December 20, 1930 - May 19, 2012

Elder John L. Casteel was born Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Amsterdam, Georgia, son of the late John Henry Casteel and the late Roxie Mann. He received his formal education in the Moultrie, GA, school system. He moved to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, after he was discharged from the United States Army in 1952. He received his GED from the Harrisburg Area Community College. He also attended Thompson Institute (now known as Kaplan Career Institute) in Harrisburg. He was formerly employed by the New Cumberland Army Depot and the Olmsted Air Force Base (Middletown). By the recommendation of his doctor, Elder Casteel began bowling for exercise. As an avid bowler, he won many awards and trophies. He also enjoyed golfing.

Elder Casteel was united in holy matrimony to Myrtle Silas on June 30, 1951; and from this union, a son, Andrew L. Casteel was born.

In 1953, Elder Casteel was saved under the ministries of the late Elder Matthew Banks and the late Reverend John Taylor. He was ordained as a deacon in 1967. He was ordained as a minister in 1980. In 1982, he joined Rolleston Street Church of the living God where he became the Assistant Pastor in 1983. He was installed as the Pastor there in May 1989. Most recently, he formerly served as the Associate Pastor of Grace Temple Church of the Living God where he was a faithful member. He also served as the Chairperson of the Trustee Board of the Pennsylvania United Diocese. On Saturday, May 19, 2012, in his eighty-first year, while at the Veteran Affairs

Hospital, Lebanon, PA, the Lord called Elder Casteel home.

Along with his parents, he was predeceased by two sisters, Julie Mae Mitchell and Ruby Williams; two brothers, William "Bud" and Randolph Casteel; and grandson, Jessie Casteel. He leaves to celebrate his life, his devoted wife of sixty years, Reverend Myrtle Casteel; his son, Andrew L. Casteel, and daughter-in-law, Julie Ann; three sisters, Sarah Lordnum, Marjorie Singletary and Lee Morris Curses; three brothers, Clarence and Clemon Casteel, John B. Middleton; six grandchildren, Andrew Jr., Janine, Tarik, Tafaraji and Jeffie Casteel, Lenwood Jones, thirteen great grandchildren, one great great grandchild; host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, church family and friends.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113