

Acknowledgement

In this hour of bereavement, we, the family wish to acknowledge with deepest gratitude and appreciation, the prayers, the visits, the cards, flowers, food and all the words of love and encouragement we have received. We have sustained a great loss and your kindness is very comforting to us.
— The Family

Hallbearers

Ricky Bell • Jason Brima • Joey Cromwell
Jelen Greene • Jamill Greene • Arthur Sherman, III

Honorary Hallbearers

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Family and Friends



“Love them while they are here.”

— Archie

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Home Going Celebration of Arthur A. Sherman, Jr.

September 13, 1929 — March 7, 2012



Thursday, March 15, 2012

Visitation – 10:00 a.m. • Funeral – 12:00 p.m.

Bethel Baptist Church

2712 Alms Place

Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Rev. Dr. Wayne R. Davis, *Pastor/Officiating*

Rev. Elmer S. Martin, *Eulogist*

Obituary

Arthur A. Sherman, Jr. was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 13, 1929 to the late Arthur A. Sherman, Sr. and Rosa Hightower Sherman. He was the youngest of nine children. He departed this life on March 7, 2012.

Archie, as he was known to family and friends, was educated in the Cincinnati Public Schools and at the University of Cincinnati.

On September 24, 1949, Archie married his high school sweetheart, Jeanne Carroll Waugh. To this union, three children were born: Anthony Bruce, Shannon Denise and Shelly Susan.

Archie worked the majority of his life side by side with his parents and siblings in the family business, Sherman's Flower Shop. The business was founded in 1928 by his parents and older sister, Mary. In 2007, Archie, then President of the family business, retired to give full time care to his ailing wife and the shop closed after 79 years of service to Greater Cincinnati. At the time of its closing, Sherman's Flower Shop was the oldest black owned retail business in Cincinnati and the oldest black owned flower shop in the country.

Though he was busy running the family business, Archie always took time for family. Archie and Jeanne's home was often the place for memorable family gathers and holidays, his favorite being the 4th of July celebrations. He spent many happy days with his wife, children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter. He also shared a very special bond with all his nieces and nephews. He always made sure the family was close and well educated about their heritage and ancestors.

In addition to being a successful entrepreneur and family man, Archie was a community activist. Over the years, Archie served in multiple community roles such as, Founder of the Committee for the Support of Black Businesses and Professionals, Board of Trustees for the Lincoln Avenue and Crawford's Home for the Aged, Volunteer Probation Officer for Hamilton County Municipal Court. He was also a Mason and served the True American Lodge, #2 F. and A.M. as Past Master and he was a Shriner, serving Sinai Temple #59 A.E.O.N.M.S. as Past High Priest.

As a result of his dedicated service to the community, Archie received numerous awards and recognitions over the years, including, but not limited to, The Spirit of Democracy Award by the Ohio Secretary of State, J. Kenneth Blackwell, The Urban Leagues Glorifying the Lions Award, Ohio Black Expo Community Award for Businessman of the Year, The NAACP Wright-Overstreet Award for Exemplary Service in the Field of Human Rights, 100 Outstanding Black Cincinnatians and was an Applause Magazine Image Maker Award nominee.

Archie was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Rosa Sherman; brothers, Chester, Dallas, Jack and Charles Sherman; sisters, Mary Sherman Belsinger, Louisa Sherman and Elaine Sherman Crossley; and daughter, Shannon Sherman.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife of 62 years, Jeanne Sherman; son, Anthony Sherman; daughter, Shelly (Ernie) Sherman-Greene; grandchildren, Arthur (Yvonne) Sherman, III, Jelen Greene and Jamill Greene; great-granddaughter, Aniyah Sherman; sister, Rose Sherman; brothers-in-law, Joshua Swain and Frank Crossley; nephews, Jack Sherman, Jr., Eugene Turner, Babacar (Michelle) Diagne, Dallas Sherman, Jr. and Ralph (Paulette) Simpson; nieces, Beverly Sherman, Desne (Ken) Crossley Hollman, Karen Barber, Tanya Riep and Evetta Sherman; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Wayne R. Davis, *Presiding*
Senior Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church

Prelude	Mrs. Lillie H. Brown Mrs. Jessica Rankins
Parting View/Opening Sentences	Rev. Dr. Wayne R. Davis
Prayer	Rev. Margaret Jacobs
Scriptures – Psalms 73:24-26/I Corinthians 15:54-58	Rev. Margaret Jacobs
Selection – “Total Praise”	Voices of Bethel/Homegoing Choir
Resolutions/Acknowledgements	Mrs. Barbara Reed
Remarks	
Reading of Obituary – “My Way”	(Silently)
Special Remarks	Mrs. Shelly Sherman-Greene
Selection – “Precious Lord”	Mrs. Pam Crumbley
Eulogy	Rev. Elmer S. Martin Senior Pastor, Brown Chapel A.M.E Church
Benediction	Rev. Dr. Wayne R. Davis
Recessional “Going Up Yonder” – Mrs. Pam Crumbley	Clergy and Pallbearers
INTERMENT	Walnut Hills Cemetery

A Message to My Loved Ones

*When I must leave you for a little while —
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years.
But start out bravely with a gallant smile,
And for my sake and in my name,
Live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near.
And never, never be afraid to die,
I'll be waiting for you in the sky.*

*I lived and loved my life.
I had a happy home and family.
Don't be sad, but glad that I'm no longer in pain.*

— Helen Steiner Rice