

*REGINALD ANTHONY MATTHEWS*

# IN LOVING MEMORY

SUNRISE + 11/16/1955

SUNSET + 1/26/2021



Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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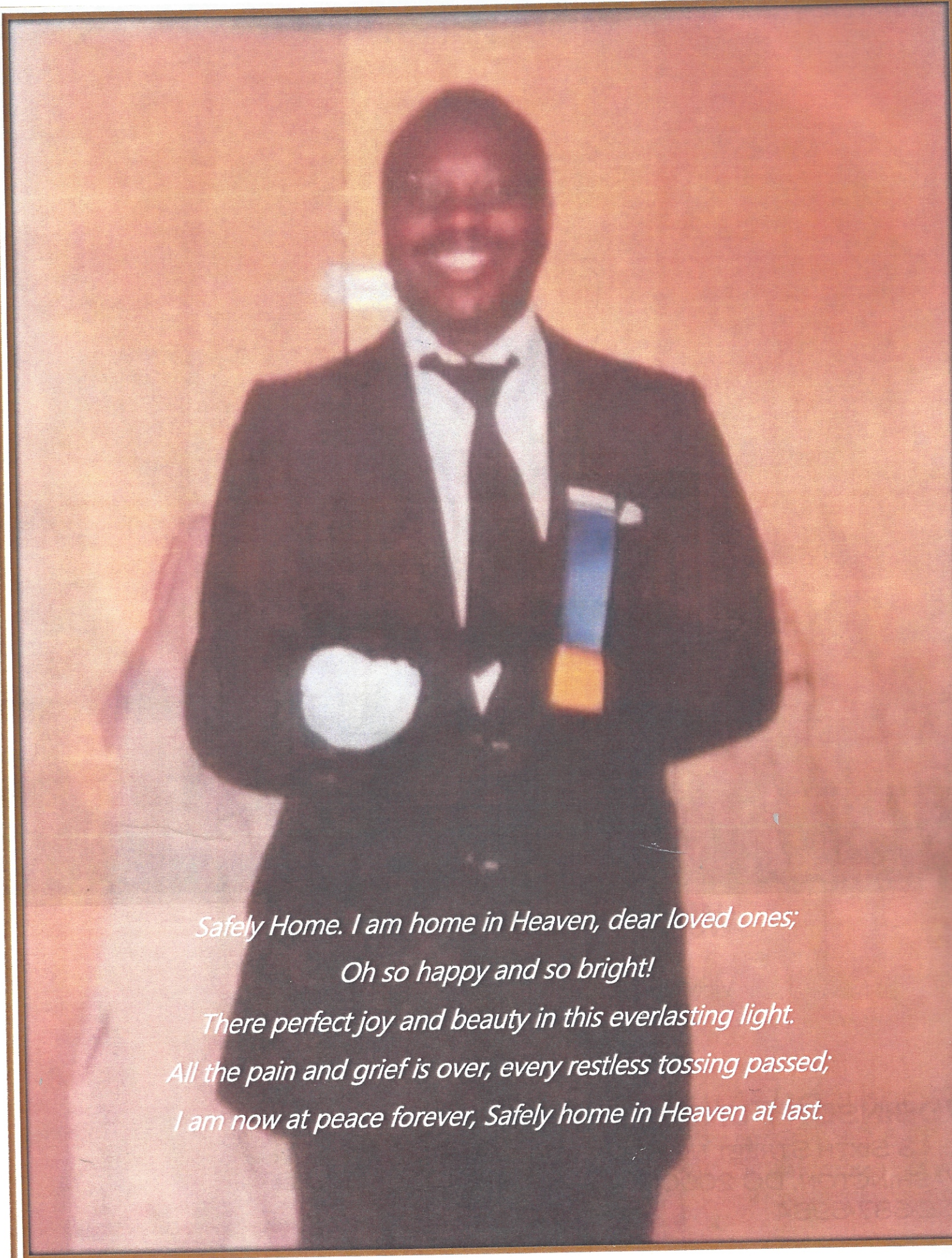
Service: 11:00 am

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*Safely Home. I am home in Heaven, dear loved ones;  
Oh so happy and so bright!  
There perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.  
All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.*

# Obituary

*A concert announcer once dubbed Reginald as a jewel, when he announced him to come to the stage. Well, on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Lord saw that jewel sparkling so bright that He decided to take that jewel to be with Him. And, the Lord said, "well done my good and faithful servant."*

*Reginald Anthony Matthews, "Reggie" as he is affectionately known, was born the third child of four children to Sidney and Dorothy Matthews on November 16, 1955, in Washington, DC.*

*Reggie matriculated through DC Public Schools. And after graduation, he attended Military Road School and Sharp Health School where he graduated. That would prepare him for his career at EPA Environmental Protection Agency, where he worked for 16 years.*

*Reggie decided to join Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Washington, DC and a fire was lit in him to serve the Lord. He began serving in the soup kitchen and his service to the Lord took him to St. Aloysius Catholic Church, where he also served in their soup kitchen. He discovered one of his gifts, which was serving others. He was faithful in feeding the homeless. Reggie then joined St. Theresa of Avila under the leadership of PASTOR George Stalling. He then joined the choir and found his second love, singing. He then was allowed to sing with John Watson. Reggie was blessed to travel to Africa with the choir to sing in a concert. He then decided to relocate to Baltimore, Maryland in 2008, where he joined St. Bernadine Catholic Church and continued singing in the choir. Reggie had a great sense of humor, loved life, and knew how to live life to the fullest.*

*Reginald leaves to cherish his memories; one brother, Darrell; and two sisters, Brenda and Debora, his favorite (Terry, a devoted brother-in-law); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and his church family. Reggie will be truly missed.*

# Order of Service

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Psalms 91:1-2 .....

New Testament.....Philippians 4:5-7 .....

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend David A. Bava  
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Reflections.....2 Minutes Only

Obituary.....Read Silently

Eulogy.....Reverend David A. Bava  
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Benediction.....Reverend David A. Bava  
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

## Cemetery

Heritage Memorial Cemetery  
13472 Poplar Hill Road, Waldorf, MD 20601

# *A Love for Serving*



# *A Love of Family*



# *Notes from Reggie's Church Family*

**Reggie** – was a very special person to many of us at PeaceMeal and the choirs at St. Aloysius and Holy Redeemer. The first photo – was taken the first week of February, one of the last times we served PeaceMeal in 2020. Right behind Reggie is Catherine Long, someone who took special care of many of Reggie's needs and was very attentive to him. I shared with Catherine the news about Reggie. And I also shared with some of the members of the choir at Holy I'm at the far left of the photo, in my PeaceMeal striped apron.

I remember seeing Reggie in the front row of the choir when I first moved to DC, the first Sunday I attended St. Aloysius in January 1998. I can't remember the name of the hymn Reggie sang so magnificently during Mass – it was always a special treat when Reggie was singing his favorite hymn.

We're hoping that PeaceMeal will be "back in business" before too long -and hope you'll have a chance to drop by – or visit Holy Redeemer on a Sunday (when we're back to attending the services vs. doing it remotely as we do now) to meet some of Reggie's friends.

Wishing you peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Marita

**Second Photo** - With Catherine Long - Reggie's birthday – November 6, 2019

**Third Photo:** PeaceMeal serving on March 13, 2019

On behalf of the entire STA family, we send our sincere condolences. May Reggie be welcomed into the get all banquet of heaven and you all be comforted by the loving peace of our Lord. Our prayers are with you all.

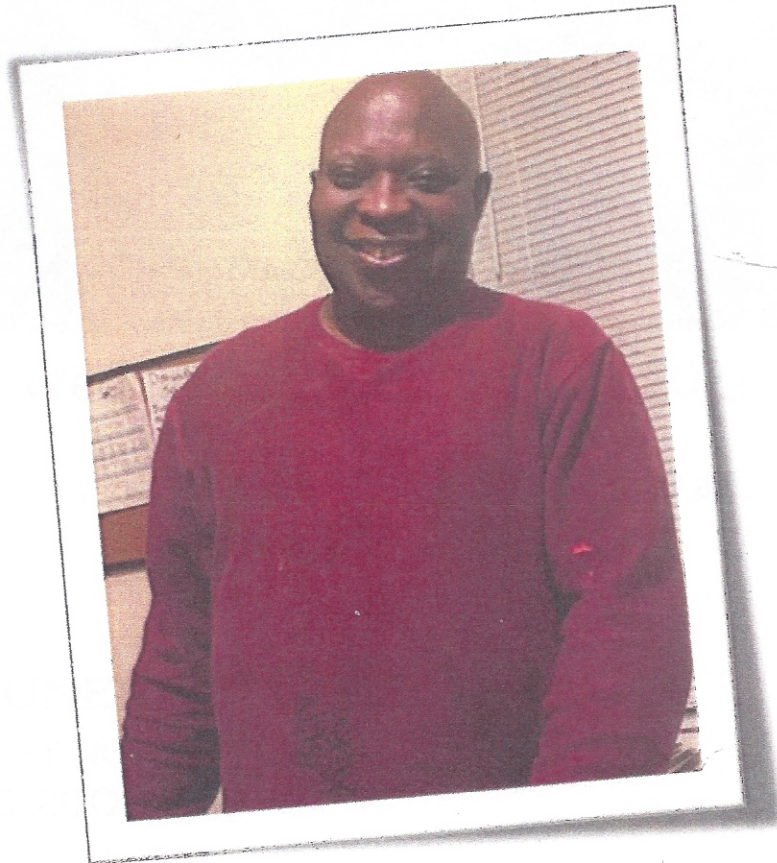
**Monsignor Raymond East**

# *Love Notes from Reggie's Family*

***Uncle Reggie:** You took care of us as children then you took care of our children. Now rest because the Lord God Almighty is taken care of you now. We will love you forever. Salena, Corey, Sophie, Terrell, and all your great-nieces and nephews.*

*To my special brother in law...We Laughed...We Danced...We Cooked...We Sang...I'll always remember your love of music and your love of food. I know God, has you. From Terry, your brother-in-law*

*Reginald your wonderful spirit encouraged our family and your faith in God encourage our hearts. We will miss you deeply especially your smile and sense of humor. You sang a song called, "When I Rise" The words were, "you had another home that had not been made by the hands of man". I know that you have gone home Reggie and there is peace there. Love you much, Forever Debora, your big sister.*



## *Pall Bearers*

*Corey Matthews  
Terry Bowditch*

## *Floral Bearers*

*Family and Friends*

## *Acknowledgments*

*The family expresses sincere appreciation to those who have participated in the Celebration of Life of Reginald Anthony Matthews. To those who have comforted us during our bereavement, and to those who have shown many acts of kindness towards us may God bless each of you.*

## *Services Entrusted*

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