We, the family of the late Robert Samuel Russell, would like to extend a special thank you to the Haven Memorial Methodist Church family, clergy and friends for their caring thoughts and acts of kindness. We are grateful for all the prayers which we will remember in our hearts and minds. There are no words that can express our gratitude for your help towards making this home-going service so memorable. We also thank those who served as pallbearers and in the many other services that were needed. May God bless you all.

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HOME-GOING CELEBRATION
In Loving Memory of

Robert Samuel Russell
September 18, 1929 – June 2, 2018

Funeral Service
Thursday, June 14th, 2018
11:00 a.m.
Haven Memorial United Methodist Church
354 Christian Street, Alexander City, AL 35010
Rev. Percy Nolan, Pastor
Armour’s Memorial Staff, Directing
OBITUARY

Our beloved Robert Samuel Russell was born in Ulster Spring, Trelawney Parish, Jamaica, West Indies to his loving mother the late Maudlin Matilda McFarlane and father the late Robert William Russell on September 18, 1929. He was the first-born child of his siblings: the late Maudlin Matilda McEwan and the late Vincent Russell. It is difficult to put into words how much he meant to us all and how much we will miss him. During his childhood, Robert Russell attended Beulah Tabernacle Church in Long Bay, Jamaica with his mother and younger siblings. His father—Dadda Russell pastored this church which still stands today.

Sam—as he was so affectionately known to family and friends — was a cherished husband, caring father, faithful brother, devoted grandfather, beloved uncle, dear friend, and so much more. Sam loved life. When he smiled, he radiated the room. When he was cross, the room got very quiet. When he cooked a meal, he did it with enthusiasm and precision. When he laughed, he withheld no joy. When he sang, he sang with style and beauty. When he spoke, his sultry voice lured you into the conversation. A man of both great musical talent and vogue style, he showed up and showed out. Sam was a “regular”—trust-worthy and down-to-earth in a real world. To put it simply, Sam is irreplaceable.

Sam loved life. He was a man of soul. Sam’s favorite genres of music were Jazz and Gospel. Sitting with him in his music room—watching him sing, seat and dance was like being in a live concert audience listening to the greats like Oscar Peterson, Miles Davis, Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie, and many more. Towards the end of his life, Sam, who was a life-long learner, furthered his education at Central Alabama Community College, where he pursued American Studies, English and Math.

Sam also loved family. In 1969, a good friend introduced him to Jewel Black-Greer in Rochester, New York. They were married on July 22, 1970. This July, Sam and Jewel would have celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. Sam will be fondly remembered by his wife Jewel and his three amazing children, Norma, Anthony and Beverley. He will be lovingly missed by his grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews residing in the USA, United Kingdom and Canada. Sam now rests peacefully with his eternal Maker. We will never forget him but always remember him as a great friend and man of God.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Solo by Krystal Sundi

Old Testament- Rev. Kanunu


I Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Prayer

Remarks

Solo by Rev. B. Williams.

Obituary/Reflections?

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Internment

Armour Memorial Gardens

Alexander City, Alabama

The Family will receive family and friends
at Armour’s Memorial Dining hall
following the committal service.