

Interment

COLONIAL GROVE MEMORIAL PARK
3445 Princess Anne Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

Pallbearers

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Flower Bearers

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Acknowledgement

AND THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY

We the family would like to express a sincere thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you to Pastor Bruce E. Hughes, Sr., and the St. Stephens COGIC Church family. Thank you to Beach Funeral & Cremation Services.

We ask God to continue to Bless you all.



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Celebration of Life FOR

WASHINGTON
COMMANDERS



Bruce

SYLVESTER SPELLMAN

March 18, 1956 ~ May 1, 2024

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024 | 12:00 PM

St. Stephens Church of God in Christ
189 South Birdneck Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT BRUCE E. HUGHES, SR., EULOGIST

Obituary

BRUCE SYLVESTER SPELLMAN was born on March 18, 1956, to the late Brother Sylvester “Duke” and late Missionary Ella Loise Jones Spellman. Bruce’s parents were members of St. Stephens COGIC, the church where he and his siblings were raised. After high school, Bruce moved to Maryland to start a new life. There he met the love of his life, Wanda Fletcher. Together they relocated back to Virginia, married in 1982, and officially joined St. Stephens COGIC under the leadership of Elder Bruce E. Hughes, Sr.

Bruce was an avid sports fan who loved the Washington Redskins, Washington Wizards, Baltimore Ravens and watching golf. Brother Spellman’s favorite gospel song was “God’s Grace”, and his favorite scripture was Psalms 91.

Bruce held various positions throughout his career. He worked at the Washington Hilton, Sheraton Hotel, Virginia Beach Golf Course, and the City of Norfolk, where he earned the nickname “Sweets.” Bruce retired after 20 years.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvester and Ella Louise Spellman; one brother, Alvin “Pokey” Spellman; two sisters, Shelia “Rooster” Robinson, Annie Ruth “Dove” Spellman; one great-niece, Cassandra Ann Spellman; his in-laws, Leo and Grace Fletcher; four brothers-in-law, Tony, Bernard, Joe and Leon Fletcher; two sisters-in-law, Irene and Jeanette Fletcher.



Bruce’s legacy lives on through his wife of 51 years, Wanda Fletcher Spellman; daughter, Shanta “Shaine” Fletcher; granddaughter, Shaniya Fletcher all of Virginia Beach; three sisters, Carolyn Darlene Spellman Hines, Sylvia “Mush” Spellman both of Virginia Beach, Annette Spellman Hook (Robert) of Norfolk; five sisters-in-law, Ronda Fletcher, Renee Fletcher (Spike), Patricia Wright, Cheryl Walst (James), Sandy Johnson (Don) all of Maryland; brother-in-law, Robert Robinson of Virginia; two aunts, Minister Lillian Ersell Sivels (Junior), Deloris Jones; two uncles, Alvin “Pep” Jones, James “Jeney” Williams; one special nephew, Deminsio Duke Spellman; special friends, Elder Donnie Gregory, Pastor Rory Shaw, Brother Robert Owens, Pastor Bruce E. Hughes, Sr.; and a host of family and friends.



Order of Service

THE MUSICAL MEDITATION	Organist
THE PROCESSIONAL	The Pastor, Clergy, and Family
THE OPENING HYMN	Choir
INVOCATION	Clergy
CHANT	Choir
THE OLD TESTAMENT READING	Clergy
THE NEW TESTAMENT READING	Clergy
SELECTION	Choir
THE PRAYER OF COMFORT	Pastor Rory Shaw
SELECTION	Brother Don Johnson
POEM READING	Sister Faye Gregory
REMARKS & TRIBUTES (2 min)	
Family: Mrs. Wanda Spellman	
Minister Deloris Jones	
Missionary Bernice Vinson	
Elder Don Gregory	
Mr. Robert Owens	
SILENT READING OF THE OBITUARY	
THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Church Clerk
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER	Clergy
SELECTION	Class of 1968/69
THE EULOGY	Administrative Assistant Bruce E. Hughes, Sr.
	PASTOR, ST. STEPHENS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
THE RECESSIONAL	