



Life
CELEBRATION

for
ANTHONY
CURTIS HAROLD
“Pretty Tony”

SUNRISE
October 21, 1954

SUNSET
September 1, 2021

Saturday
September 11, 2021
11:00 AM

Garden of Prayer
WORSHIP CENTER
1001 Church Street
Norfolk, Virginia 23510
BISHOP LEVI E. WILLIS, II
SENIOR PASTOR

JAMES JONES
Eulogist

JOHNATHAN FOSTER
Presiding Pastor



Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

PRESIDING PASTOR.....JOHNATHAN FOSTER
New Mount Olive Baptist Church

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament*Thaddeus Harold, Cousin*

New Testament*Jacqueline Morgan Francis, Cousin*

PRAYER OF CONSOLATION*Helen Darata, Cousin*

SOLO*Tanya Sadley, Niece*

CHURCH RESOLUTION*Lisa Morris, Cousin*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER*Pastor Johnathan Foster*

EULOGY..... PASTOR JAMES JONES
Greater Grace Church

SOLO*Slater Johnson*

SPECIAL WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE*Alphonso Albert*
Gethsemane Community Fellowship

SPECIAL TRIBUTE*Mr. & Mrs. Arthur & Vernetta Bailey*
Favorite Family Couple

SILENT READING OF OBITUARY

REMARKS (*2 minutes please*)

Melvin Rollins, Brother

Joel Hughes & Shannon Best

Smile Ice Cream Distributors

Avron Harold, Cousin

Kira McCord, Granddaughter

Linda & Kenny, Friends

SOLO*Slater Johnson*

VIEWING OF OUR LOVE ONE BEACH FUNERAL STAFF



A Reflection of His Life

“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good.” Luke 6:45

Anthony Curtis Harold slipped away peacefully from us Wednesday, September 1, 2021. He was born October 21, 1954, to Dorthy Mae Harold and Melvin Ruffin. Anthony grew up in Norfolk, Virginia.

Anthony grew up and was raised by his mother and his maternal grandmother, Elcora Harold in what is known as Burton Station. He joined the United House of Prayer for All People of Burton at an early age where he attended Sunday morning services with his mother, grandmother, and a host of family members.

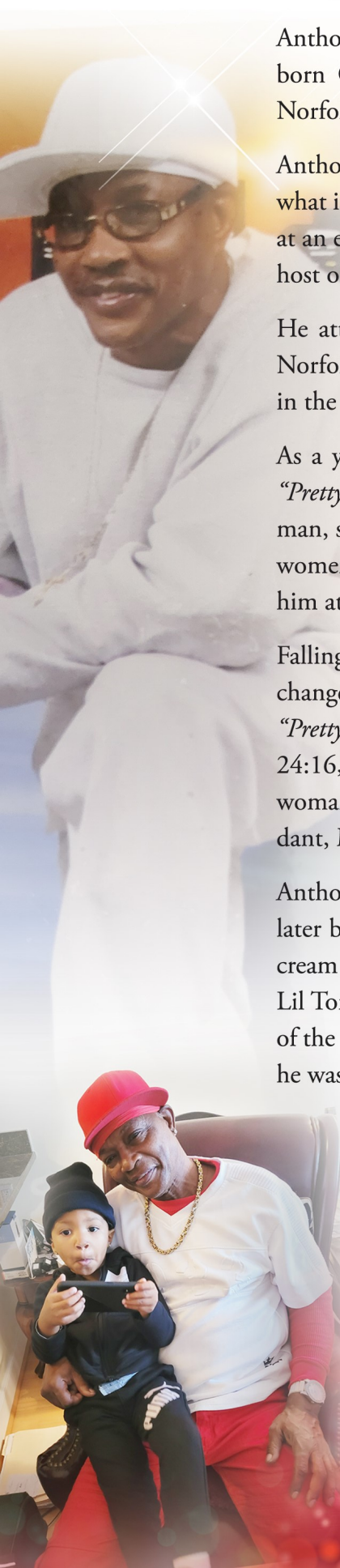
He attended Princess Anne County Training School in Va. Beach, VA., Ruffner Jr. High in Norfolk, Virginia. and received his G.E.D through Job Corps. Immediately after, he was enlisted in the United States Navy for several years and eventually received an honorable discharge.

As a young man from the Tidewater Park community, Anthony's friends gave him the name *“Pretty Tony”* because of his flashy-flamboyant dress and smooth-debonair style. He was an 80's man, so he loved going to the salon to get his hair permed and finger waved. He loved beautiful women and classic cars. He loved to shoot pool, play cards, and would challenge anyone to beat him at spades and pinochle which continued through his latter adulthood.

Falling to the pressures of life, he went away for many years. Anthony returned home and changed his life around to show many of us that we all fall but can get back up again! Anthony *“Pretty Tony”* Harold got back up with a love that must have come from the Lord. In Proverbs 24:16, *“For a just man falleth seven times, and rises up again.”* Behind every good man, is a good woman and in 1991, he married the woman who was his greatest supporter, friend, and confidant, Myla Dildy. Her daughters TeJuana and Arlistine Wilson became his daughters.

Anthony loved to work hard and was initially employed by Smile Ice Cream Distributors and later became the owner of his own ice cream truck. He became known as Norfolk's favorite ice cream man along with his sidekicks, his dog, Gucci aka Guc; adopted sons, Damaree Copes aka Lil Tony, Tyronne Abbott whom he taught the ice cream truck business, as he touched the lives of the children and mentored young people in every community he served. During his off season, he was hired by the City of Norfolk Parking facilities and stole the hearts of his customers.

Anthony was a lover of people and made each person feel special. Many of his relationships transcended biological lines, felt a kinship, and was related to everyone he knew. He was very giving and disliked seeing anyone in need or suffering, especially the homeless, or any man on the streets whom he often opened his doors and allowed them to eat, bathe, wash their clothing and allowed them to sleep in a safe place on his patio at his home.



Pretty Tony was beautiful inside and out, and he treated his neighbors and neighborhood the same way. He cleaned the streets, cut other people's yards, decorated the light post during Christmas time and planted artificial flowers in his yard and at the entry way of his neighborhood.

Family and friends were the heart of Anthony's being. He was the son of many mothers, the adopted father to other family members, the brother to many other brothers and sisters, uncle or "Unk" to many nephews, nieces, and young men and women who looked up to him. He was adored and admired for his genuine smile, vibrant and lively demeanor and was known as the "Life of the Party". Anthony's real heart belonged to his mother, sister, brothers, sons, many close cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. Also holding his heart, were his life-long friends Rosa, Wanda Anne, Kim, Spady, Wanda Bowers, Ernest and Jerry who were there for him from the beginning to the end.

Anthony is predeceased by his grandmother and grandfather Elcora and Willis Harold; aunts, Gladiola Lalite, Eva Inez Powell, and Mildred Saunders; uncles, Willis, Raymond, Clement, and Fred Harold.

He leaves to cherish his memories: mother, Dorothy Mae Gaines; father, Melvin Ruffin (*Olivia*); children, Lamont Walton (*Shannon*), Keone "Keke" Baxter, Leron Bowers, Lamesha "Jada" McNeil; grandchildren, Kira McCord (*Darionte*), Lamont Walton, Jr., Chloe Bowers; brothers, Melvin Rollins (*Bernice*), Tony V. Harold, Quincy Harold; sister, Dawna Sanderlin (*Kevin*); great aunt, Margaret Coleman; aunts, Catherine Bell, Deloris Harold and Geneva Harold; former wife, Myla Harold Dildy; and special son, Leonard Lawton, Jr. aka (*Boss Man*) and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends



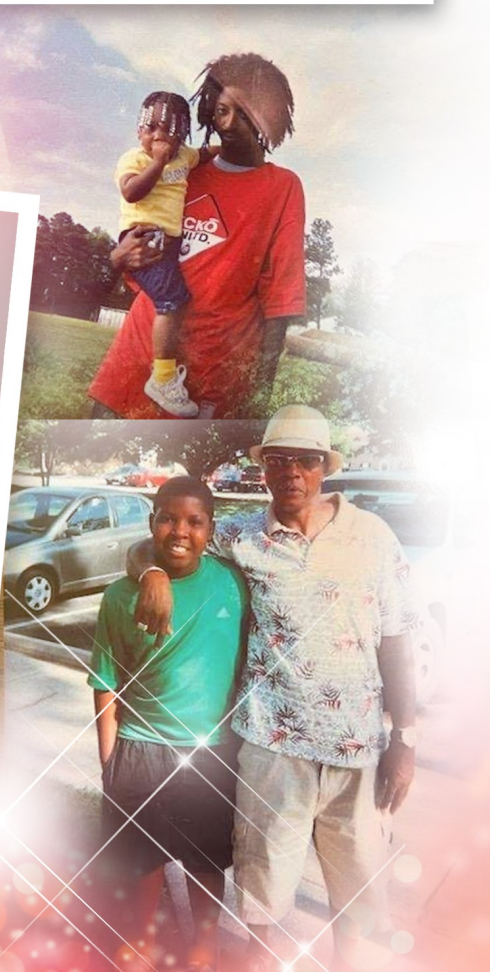


I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid you see.
I took his hand when I heard him call.
I turned my back and left it all.
Be not burdened with time of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times,
and love ones' touch.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of day.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee.
God wanted me now.*

He Set Me Free





ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Anthony Curtis Harold gratefully acknowledges your many acts of kindness shown during these moments of bereavement. Your calls, cards, floral arrangements and words of sympathy, and other acts of kindness meant so much to us as we cherish the memory of our beloved Anthony. May God continue to bless and keep you.

The Family

PALLBEARERS

*Avron Harold, Cousin | Clarence Morgan, III, Cousin
Virquan Harold, Cousin | Tony Jenkins, Cousin
Tyler Smith, Nephew | Armon Harold, Nephew*

FLOWER BEARERS

*Lisa Powell, Cousin | Dee Mosely, Cousin
Andrea Smith, Cousin | Alma Richardson, Cousin
Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.*



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