



## Precious Memories



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Percy Vernon Evans, Sr.*

AUGUST 27, 1952 – JUNE 21, 2021

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021  
11:00 AM

*Carolina Biblical Gardens*

1530 CREECH ROAD  
GARNER, NORTH CAROLINA

DR. LINDA B. GILL, PRESIDING  
DR. ANTHONY W. BAILEY, OFFICIATING



## *Expression of Gratitude*

*The Family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many thoughtful deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them during the loss of Percy.*

*These things will always be held in grateful remembrance.*

*May God continue to bless each one of you and shine "His" light upon you,  
and give you peace.*

**Professional Services Entrusted To:**

*Steven L. Lyons Funeral Home*

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# Order of Service

Processional

Presiding.....Dr. Linda B. Gill  
Associate Minister, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC

Scripture .....Rev. Robert Mason  
Pastor of Greater Love Worship Center, Durham, NC  
Old & New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Jewel Lee  
Pastor of The Light Church, Clayton, NC

Solo.....Angela Cooley

Words of Reflection:  
Bryant Woodall - Retired Raleigh Fire Department  
Melvin Hooker - Friend

Acknowledgements/Obituary.....Patricia Sanders

Musical Selection ..... “I’ll be Alright”  
Percy’s Favorite Song

Words of Comfort.....Dr. Anthony W. Bailey  
Pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC

Committal

Benediction

Interment

The Repast  
Deliverance Cathedral of Love Church  
1705 Curtis Drive  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27610

# THE OBITUARY

On Monday June 21, 2021, Percy Vernon Evans, escorted by the heavenly angels, slipped away peacefully at UNC Rex Hospital.

Percy was born August 27, 1952 in Raleigh, NC. He was preceded in death by his parents Percy and Sadie Evans; his brother, Elvin Poole, his wife, Sharon Clay Evans, the mother of his children: Darrus (Ariel) and Percy Jr. (Brittany).

Percy accepted Christ at an early age and joined Lincolnville A.M.E. Church, Raleigh, NC. Percy later joined Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C. He had a strong faith in God as was evident every night before he slept, he would get on his knees and pray. He would start his morning of meditation by opening his bible to read God’s word. Percy was known for his singing in the Lincolnville Male Chorus, the Mt. Pleasant Male Chorus and IOP Ensemble. When Percy heard gospel music his feet would start patting, his head would start shaking and proved evident that he had a relationship with the Lord. **Percy exemplified the scripture “By this shall all men know ye are my disciples”**. He had a sweet spirit, he was humble, generous, and loved to help people.

He was educated in the Wake County Public School System, Raleigh, NC. He continued his higher education at Shaw University where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree. The passion he had for his firefighting career ended with thirty years of experience and earned the title “Captain Percy Evans”. As a retiree he continued his involvement with the fire department, serving as President of the Western Wake Board of Directors and constant visits to different stations. He was well known and respected by the fire department as well as being a board member for the North Carolina State Employees Credit Union. After retirement Percy joined the staff at Steven L. Lyons Funeral home, his home away from home. In addition to his love for firefighting, and the funeral home, he was an avid baseball fan. He loved cheering on his “NC STATE WOLFPACK”.

Percy was a great husband. He kept his promise to his wife that he so profoundly repeated during the exchanging of their wedding vows **“Forever” til death do us part**. Percy had a special place in his heart for Mother Margaret (Thelma’s mother). So much that she gave him the nickname “Chubby”. He always greeted her with a big smile, Krispy Kreme doughnuts and ice cream.

Percy was a great father, brother, and brother-in-law. In statue he was like a Lion, but a lamb at heart. There is nothing he would not do for his sons and daughter. His weekly visits with David and Richard sitting on the porch and riding out to get lunch will be missed.

Marrying Thelma gave him a whole new extended family. He was received with open arms and hearts. He was introduced to the sport of fishing. He enjoyed family trips, dinners and just sitting around laughing and talking. Everyone loved **“Chubby”**.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Thelma of the home; sons, Darrus (Ariel) of Cary, NC; Percy Jr. (Brittany) of Angier, NC., Daughter, Danielle Dublin of Clayton. Granddaughters; Aria Evans and Parker Evans, Mother-in-law, Blondia Clay, Two brothers, Richard Evans (Patsy) of Fuquay, NC and David Evans of Raleigh, NC. One brother-in-law; Phillip Dublin (Cassandra) of Smithfield, NC, seven sisters-in-law; Mary Hall of Washington, DC., Alice Lee (Bennie), JoAnn Hocutt, Freda Dublin all of Smithfield, NC, Annette Scott (Nathaniel) of Garner, NC, Pamela Mealer (General) of Holly Springs, NC, Tammy Jones (Greg) of Raleigh, NC, Three Aunts; Margaret Evans of Raleigh, NC., Pauline Sanders of Smithfield, NC and Eloise Sessoms of Wilson, NC, Godchildren Timothy Thompson, Lindsey Clinding, Teliah, Tim Jr. and Tyson Thompson and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends