



Mr. Sylvester Ansley

October 30, 1939 - August 25, 2015

Sylvester Ansley aka (Peter) was born on October 30, 1939 in Elmore County, Alabama to the union of Tempie Ansley and Olice McKinney. He moved to Milwaukee, WI with his mother, at an early age, where they joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church. He remained a member there until he returned from the service, met Alicetine Shelby and soon became a member of Metropolitan MBC, under the leadership of both the late Reverend E.M. Kelly, Reverend Willie D. Wanzo, Sr. and Reverend Brandle Marrow. Sylvester was educated within the Milwaukee Public School System and graduated from North Division High School in 1958. After graduation from high school, Sylvester joined the United States Marine Corps and served in active duty and the reserves. He did some technical course work at Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) and later pursued a career as an insurance salesman, selling: life, health, property & Casualty insurance for over 35 years. He was employed by Equitable Life Insurance Company (now AXA) for most of his insurance career. He also worked for several other insurance and insurance related companies.

Over the years, Sylvester developed a love for gardening, since eating, was his favorite past time. He learned gardening

techniques from anyone who would answer his many questions about how they grew their vegetables. Finally, he developed his own style and did gardening his way. He was a hunter of pheasants, ruffed grouse, and occasionally deer. He trained several German Shorthaired Pointers to be his hunting partners. His favorite hunting dog was named Duchess. Together, he and Duchess spent hours hunting and eating under shade trees in the woods.

Sylvester also loved singing. As a teen, he and several other fellows spent evenings harmonizing under the street lights. Years later he joined The Gospel chorus at Metropolitan MBC (1969) and began to sing songs of praises to the Lord, which he did for 46 years. He also sang with The Men's Fellowship choir. He sang at insurance conferences and at a few weddings.

For many years, Sylvester was the watermelon man at the churches' picnics. His comical personality was in full bloom as he sang his favorite watermelon man song. He loved people and watermelon and thoroughly enjoyed sharing big chilled slices of watermelon on a hot day.

Sylvester enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1959, and served a total of 4 years in active duty and Reserves. He was honorably discharged in 1962.

After returning home, he met the love of his life, Alicetine Shelby, in a well-known, black owned restaurant named Thelma's Back Door. After three years of courtship they were joined in holy matrimony on August 28, 1965. Friday, August 28, 2015 marked their 50th wedding anniversary. Their union was blessed with two sons, Erik and Anthony (Tabitha) Ansley of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sylvester has another beautiful family: two daughters, Wanda Boulton (Daniel) of North Carolina and Wendy Ashford

(james) of Milwaukee, WI; six grandchildren, Darius (Lindsey) of Milwaukee, WI and Danicia Boulton of North Carolina. Keon, Keyonda, James and Jason Todd, Jr. of Milwaukee, WI; five great-grandchildren, Morgan, Anai, Jaysa and Kennedi of North Carolina and Darius, Jr. of Milwaukee, WI; five brothers, Ulysses Jones (Brenda), Douglas Jones (Rose), Marvin Jones and Reginald Jones all of Milwaukee, WI and Willie Jones of Houston, Texas. After retirement, Sylvester continued to give of his time and service. He volunteered for about two years while helping to plan, organize and served over a year as President of the Independent Resident's Council at VMP Trinity at his former residence. Sylvester Ansley departed this life on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. He was preceded in death by his step-father, Douglas Jones, Sr.; mother, Tempie Jones; and brother, Leon Jones. Sylvester is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Alicetine; sons, Erik and Anthony Ansley (Tabitha); two daughters, Wanda Boulton (Daniel), Wendy (james), six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two special friends, James and Loretta Barnes of Palm Beach Garden, Florida; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, a wonderful church family and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Northwest Cremation Services

6630 W. Hampton Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Visitation

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Metropolitan B.C.
1345 W. Burleigh Street
Milwaukee, WI

Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

DR

“ To the Ansley Family,
I had the honor to meet Mr. Ansley through a close friend who always spoke very highly of the Ansley Family. When I finally had the opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Ansley in person they were such fun and "good" spirited people! I was saddened deeply to hear about your loss, but know the Heavens opened up and welcomed Mr. Ansley's bold spirit and witty smile!

I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. Jemiah 31:13. May God Bless You and Keep your family close during this difficult time of transition.

Darice Russ and Family

Darice Russ - September 02, 2015 at 10:29 AM

JC

“ I would like to offer you my prayers and condolences for the passing of brother Ansley, and hope you find comfort in this Bible verse: And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours: and their works do follow them. Rev. 14:13

Jean Carson - September 02, 2015 at 08:16 AM

RJ

“ Rosemarrion J. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Sylvester Ansley.



Rosemarrion J. - September 01, 2015 at 09:27 PM

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“ *The VMP Trinity Staff purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Sylvester Ansley.*



The VMP Trinity Staff - August 31, 2015 at 06:54 PM

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“ *I will never forget all the love and guidance from him. I can hear him say hey kesha maria. Maria is not my name, i dont know why he called me that, but i loved everytime i heard it. God said in his word that he is even closer to the broken hearted. I pray for his children and his beautiful wife who he loved so very much. May God bring strength, comfort and peace. I love you all very much. Kesha Maria*

lekesha - August 28, 2015 at 09:48 PM