



Mr. Samuel Elkanah Latty

November 8, 1961 - November 21, 2023

Samuel Elkana Latty was born in the best district in Jamaica, Woodside, Clarendon Jamaica on November 8, 1961 to Parents Abraham Latty and Mirelda Boothe. Samuel was his government name but in true Jamaican style he had an Alias, and his Alias was "Seymour". At 3 years old Seymour's mother migrated to England for a better life. She left Seymour in the loving and capable hands of her parents, Stephen, and Leanora Boothe. They didn't have much but what they had was enough to keep everyone happy and satisfied. Seymour grew up with his eldest brother Denzel, and cousins Birchum, Carmen, and Ian. He attended Kilsyth Primary School and then moved on to Edwin Allen High School. He was a faithful member of the Woodside church of God ministries. There he became a born-again Christian. Serving the church was something that Seymour was proud of. Throughout the years he continued to be of service to various ministries. He served in whatever way he could, and he served faithfully. In 1984 Seymour

became a security guard at the Norman Manley Airport in Kingston, Jamaica.

In 1994 Seymour

migrated to the United States to pursue a better life. There he met and married his then wife,

Brenda. After being in the United States for a few years Seymour finally settled in Atlanta

Georgia. There he began a career at FedEx and stayed with the company for 26 years. He loved

his job but due to health issues he had to go on early retirement.

Over the years Seymour's health wasn't always the best but he never let it stop him from living

his best life. He was loved by everyone and captivated by many. With his deep powerful voice

and giant-like stature, he drew everyone's attention. Although he was great in stature his love for

people was even greater. Seymour was a mentor to every person that came in contact with him.

Wherever there was a need he would always fulfill it. He was always giving back to his

community in Jamaica. He contributed to various churches and charities, as well as pay the

tuition for families who weren't able to send their children to school. These are the things that

Seymour loved to do.

Seymour also loved to travel. HE REALLY LOVED TO TRAVEL! You could never predict

when, where, or how Seymour ended up in so many different places throughout the years, but I

guess that is one of the benefits of marrying someone that worked for the airlines. Without

warning sometimes Seymour would just show up at your front door and you

couldn't fuss or get upset, you would just have to let him in. His trips weren't long but spontaneous and unpredictable. You could talk to Seymour in the morning and by the afternoon he would call you from another country, that was the life he lived, and he enjoyed it. Music was another great passion of his. Right now, at his house there is a room downstairs with enough instruments and sound equipment to open your own studio. He played piano, bass guitar and he could also hold a tune . In his down time if he wasn't playing music in the basement, he would be relaxing in his favorite chair watching his favorite baseball team the Atlanta Braves. If baseball wasn't on, then he would watch a western movie . You knew he was relaxed when he would recline his chair, while eating a bowl of chicken and laughing loud HA, HA, HA. Speaking of chicken, Seymour's favorite food was chicken. He had a very good appetite, as you could imagine for someone his size. He could also cook but whenever he cooked for some reason some of the chicken would go missing. You see after Seymour finished cooking, unbeknown to anyone else Seymour always dished out his food first and when everyone was finished eating, he Would pull out the rest of the chicken and have it all to himself. Between traveling, music, and eating I am not sure which one Seymour loved most but needless to say, he did everything with a

smile on his face and joy in his eyes.

One of the things that brought Seymour joy was his family. I believe his love for family is what

kept him on the plane over the years. Or maybe what kept him on the planes over the years was

the buddy passes he would get from Brenda. Either way family was very important to him.

Seymour was blessed to have 2 children of his own a boy and a girl, named Davionne and

Laurent. He was also blessed with two grandchildren, Skyy & Mekhi. In total Seymour has 8

siblings, 5 sisters and 3 brothers, nieces, nephews, a host of other relatives and friends. His

Mother Merilda could not make it today due to health issues and resides in London, England.

Unfortunately, a few years ago Seymour lost his son (Laurent) and his other brother (Noel).

In June 2023, Seymour was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. Through it all he held on to the

hope that God would turn his situation around. With prayers and support of his loving family,

friends, and church family his faith was steadfast and unwavering to the end.

He lived to

celebrate his birthday on November 8, 2023, he was 62 years old. On November 21, 2023,

Seymour passed away at home with two of his sisters and nieces by his side.

To say that

Seymour's life was cut short wouldn't be a true statement. Seymour lived life to the fullest. He

didn't let distance, time, money and the ups and downs of his health stop him from being who he

was and being around those he loved the most. If there is anything you should know about

Seymour, you should know that he loved God, and he loved Gods people. He is gone but never

forgotten for Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose

under the heaven:" Samuel "Seymour" Elkana Latty we love you, may your soul rest in eternal peace. A Funeral Service will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 16, 2023 with Pastor Evadene Knight and Assistant Pastor Ronald Rhoomes officiating. Then family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Flowers will be accepted or in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 270 Peachtree Street, Suite 1300, Atlanta, GA 30303 or go to www.cancer.org and click on the ways to donate tab, and make your donation in Memory of Samuel E. Latty.

Cemetery Details

Camp Memorial Park

1095 GA Hwy 54 East
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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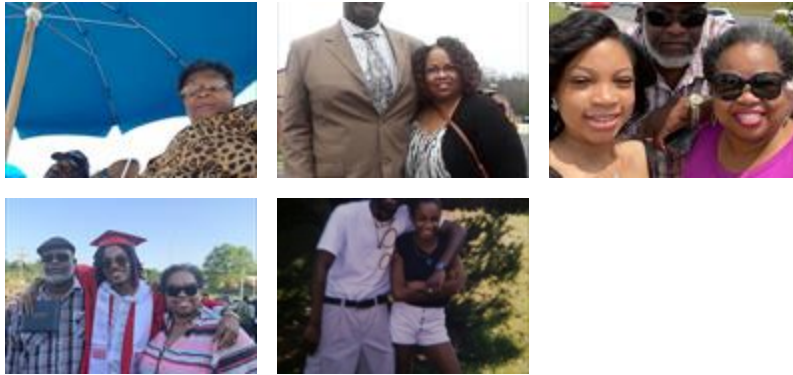
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Tribute Wall

KC

“ I met Sam(Dad) when I was 12 years old in Memphis Tennessee and he treated me like his own he was a true best friend to my mother and us. I’m going to truly miss you so very much I know you are in a better place and you will forever be in our hearts ❤️ 🌸 🌸 🌸
🌸 WE LOVE YOU POPS REST WELL!!! 🙏 🙏 🙏



Kearrah Collier - December 15, 2023 at 08:02 PM

GO

You were an angel here on earth, but now you are an angel in heaven. Sleep in peace uncle latty . You were the best uncle anyone could ever have. 💔🕊️ love you

goldendeshante9@gmail.com - December 16, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Elkanah Latty.



December 15, 2023 at 06:49 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Elkanah Latty.



December 14, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ I was 18 years old when Seymour took me in his home. I had no where to live and he adopted me and from then til now he has been my father. I am now 51 and he has always been there for me. He would say My daughter, my baby girl everytime we called each other. His last visit to Jamaica we spent the day together and it was so fun. He requested roast yam and saltfish and bulla and pear. I made sure to have it ready for when he arrived. It was so nice seeing him again after so many years. We laughed and chat. He was such a good father and friend. He was kind and loving to everyone around him. I miss you my father. Rest in paradise. Love Debbie
He loved the view of this mountain



Debbie Bingham - December 14, 2023 at 05:52 PM

BF

“ I met Brother Latty when I just started attending the New Beginning Community Church of God in July 2020. We sometimes speak briefly but our friendship developed when he had a back surgery and I called to pray and check up on him.

Each Sunday he would comment on my way of worship that it inspired him. He also admired the way I dressed and how I uniquely match my colors.

We began calling each other on regular basis, having long conversations about worship prayer and the things of God because he realized those things were my passion and we always end our conversations in prayer.

One of Latty's favorite moments is when I tell him, "You are smelling delicious." You see Latty Samuels loves cologne and he has every different kinds. One Sunday when I told him the first time that he smelled delicious, he asked me, " do you know what I am wearing?" I said "no." He said, " Million dollar man." He will roar in laughter when I told him he smelled delicious. So, he makes it a point of duty to wear a different one every Sunday, if one Sunday I didn't tell him he smelled delicious, he would come to me and said, " Sister B, what happened, am I not delicious today?"

I enjoyed taking pictures and he came to me and said, "Sister B you always be taking pictures but you never asked me to take any pictures with you," This began the journey of picture taking with Latty.

When he started to get sick and had to stay home, he will call me commenting on the service and if any Sunday he was not able to view the service he will enquire if I was not in church. Latty was a regular viewer on my Facebook page enjoying the things I posted and the church services.

Latty and Chanderpaul my son developed an uncle and nephew relationship too.

Chanderpaul got sick one Sunday and refused to go to the hospital because he said, he needed to go see Uncle Latty.

They both fell inlove with each other that Latty made sure Chanderpaul car insurance was paid and gas was in his car. He called me and said Sister B, I know it's not easy for you with

Chanderpaul not working, I will help you. You see people will judge you by how you look at the outside, but Latty saw more than one's outside, he sees the heart. He looked beyond dress code, he looked beyond the smile and laughter and see a mother that needed help. God bless you Latty.

On his dying bed, he asks for Chanderpaul to come see him, we went the Sunday. When we said Chanderpaul is here, he forced a smile in his pain and stretched his hands out to chanderpaul. They held hands for sometimes and without any word from Latty one could tell that he was saying words of encouragement to Chanderpaul.

Latty died two days after that visit.

I was in New York when he called me asking me how can he get to Emory hospital, I told him to call Pastor Rhoomes let him get the men to help him. He called to tell me he didn't get him, I said call again and he finally got to the hospital.

I am so happy that he got there and as my friend Beverley said, "if prayer were to save Latty, he would have been here today."

There is so much more that I could say of Samuel Latty and the friendship we shared but time will not permit me.

God chose to take him home, I cried once but the rest I rejoiced because he is out of his pain and suffering.

I see death as one way of healing and I know that one day Latty and I will be rejoicing at the throne.

He will be on the keyboard and I will be dancing while the angels fold their wings.

Bye Latty, see you in the morning.

Dr Chaplain Berneta E Foreman

Berneta Foreman - December 14, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Ford Stewart Funeral Home - December 13, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Elkanah Latty.



December 13, 2023 at 07:56 AM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Ford Stewart Funeral Home - December 12, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Elkanah Latty.*



December 11, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ *Evadne K. purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mr. Samuel Elkanah Latty.*



Evadne K. - December 11, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ *Evadne K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Samuel Elkanah Latty.*

Evadne K. - December 11, 2023 at 11:57 AM

RH

“ *My Dearest, Sweet, Uncle Seymour,*

You were one of the most giving, kindhearted, considerate and gentle people on this earth.

I'm just so happy that God Graced me the time and ability to see You and spend some time with You before You left. I'm grateful to have shared your last moments with You and will keep the loveliest memories of the past forever in my heart.

I'm heartbroken and still can't even believe You're no longer here. But I find solace in knowing You're no longer suffering.

I Love You Endlessly.

Your Niece, Rebekah □□□



Rebekah Huggins - December 10, 2023 at 03:23 PM

IM

“ *Iris latty- Mitchell*

My baby brother Seymour, I was looking forward to spending some quality time with you when you next visit London but it was not meant to be. We were sad to see you go, but God knew best, he saw you were getting tired and a cure was not to be. God broke our hearts to prove to us ,he only takes the best. Rest in perfect peace my brother, continue singing, till we meet again. Your loving Sis. Cherry xxx

Iris latty- Mitchell - December 10, 2023 at 03:34 AM

CS

“ Cynthia Latty His Sister sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Samuel Elkanah Latty



Cynthia latty his sister - December 09, 2023 at 01:07 PM

CS

You were a giant among men gentle as a lamb,loved by all who was known to you adored by your family. We will missed you dearly God called you home because he knows your suffering. R.I.P. BELOVED BROTHER.

Cynthia latty his sister - December 09, 2023 at 01:17 PM

TS

“ Truly one of the best, my uncle was one of the kindest and most humble human beings, a gentle giant. Rest easy unc 🙏



Terran Scarlett - December 08, 2023 at 09:33 PM

WI

“ You have run the race, kept the faith, may your soul RIP my brother. You will never be forgotten.

Winnifred - December 08, 2023 at 12:21 PM

AE

“ A Gentle Giant gone too soon, it was indeed an honor to have been around and be supportive in your last days, it was heartfelt and difficult watching you enduring those painful moments, through it all you are at rest and in a better place. May your memories continue to inspire and uplift us as we navigate this world without you, we will cherish the moments we share together here in Georgia. May your Rest in Eternal Peace!



Cousin Andrea & Edison

Andrea & Edison - December 07, 2023 at 06:09 PM

CS

IT IS WELL WITH HIS SOUL
R.I.P MY DEAR BROTHER.

Cynthia latty his sister - December 07, 2023 at 06:19 PM

KK

My uncle from another family
Ohh how I love you
You showed show much love
I admired your deep based voice
My tall dark and handsome uncle
Man of God , Provider, councillor, Musician, best friend, coolest dude
ever , November baby
I miss you
As I reflect with s in my eyes I know you are in a better place. RIP
uncle

KK - December 07, 2023 at 09:24 PM



Rest well uncle Latty the man with a voice that rolls like the thunder, a giant to remember. I will miss you forever. I hope you continue your music in heaven. My tears are sad but happy you're in a better world.
Debbie-Anne

Shanai Destiny - December 07, 2023 at 11:08 PM

LA

*You're gone but not forgotten
Your earthly journey was short , completed with cherished memories.
RIEP 🙏
Lavern*

Lavern - December 07, 2023 at 11:51 PM

BL

My dear baby brother you knew how much i love you. You are gone but not forgotten, will always be in my heart, RIP . Sis Mavis

Beryl Latty-Huggins - December 08, 2023 at 07:48 AM



*Dear uncle Seymore,
All I have left of you are great memories. Rest in power uncle until we meet again. Love always. Nephew Rhoan.*

Rhoan Scarlett - December 08, 2023 at 10:41 AM

MN

Well done good and faithful servant. You did your best. You will always be in my heart. RIP much love always

Magsie Nsubuga - December 09, 2023 at 05:44 AM

BS

*My dear brother and friend, it was good to know the kind of person you were. We share so many thoughts at times. I remember you having me practice this song to sing for you Sometimes It Takes a Mountain, Sometimes A Trouble Sea” . I am glad that I was able to be around you and help in the time of your sickness. If prayer was the remedy to keep you, than you would have been here today. Lots and lots of prayers was prayed near and far but God had a better plan.
May you sweet and beautiful soul rest in peace. You will be the best musician around the throne of God ❤️*

Beverley Sterling - December 11, 2023 at 10:14 AM