

# COVID-19 UPDATE



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LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY




## Rev. Arlester Washington

Friday 20th of August 1937 - Tuesday 9th of April 2019



### Services


## Visitation

 Apr 12, 2019 (5:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

 Now Faith Worship Center  
1112 Faith Street, Lexington, KY

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## Funeral Service

 Apr 13, 2019 (11:00 am )

 Anchor Baptist Church  
3601 Winthrop Drive, Lexington, KY

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The Rev. Arlester Washington, 81, of Lexington and husband of Vonnett Williams Washington passed away on April 9, 2019. He was born to the late Henry Washington and Maggie Williams Washington on August 20, 1937 in Madisonville, KY.

Rev. Washington was Pastor at Now Faith Worship Center in Lexington and founder of Central Kentucky Mass Choir, serving as overseer for 29 years. His family and his flock will miss him deeply. He is, however, in a better place, having been made new again in heaven.

Rev. Washington was anointed as a child, playing piano and organ by ear since the age of four. An accomplished athlete, he walked away from a potential career in basketball, following his call to serve God through music ministry and performed with many gospel greats such as James Cleveland, Inez Andrews, The Caravans, Shirley Caesar, and Albertina Walker to name a few. He was honored in Chicago, Illinois as a pioneer of gospel, symbolic of his many contributions to music.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by his five children, Marvin (Marsha) Hightower, Shelia (Troy) Vanlier, Shaleta (Harold) Jackson, She-E'-ma Washington, and Artae (Alisa) Washington; his sister Anna Marie Jones; 16 grandchildren: Erica, Deidra, Erin, Lauren, Christopher, Jaylen, Zechariah, Amaya, Brendan, Portia, Lashawna,

Vincent, Tyler, Hayden, Nikolas, and Joseph; a host of great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and spiritual children; and his loving dog Peek-a-boo.

In addition to his parents, Rev. Washington was preceded in death by three brothers, Henry Lee Washington, Joseph Washington, and Joel Washington. During his lifetime, Rev. Washington touched countless lives, which are too numerous to name; however, his legacy of praise, love, and dedication to God will continue to live on through everyone who knew and loved him.

The visitation will take place on Friday, April 12, 2019 from 5pm-8pm at Now Faith Worship Center, 1112 Faith Street, Lexington 40505. The funeral will occur on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 11am at Anchor Baptist Church, 3601 Winthrop Drive, Lexington 40514. The burial will follow at the Lexington Cemetery.

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**Charlotte foster** says

For those of you in chicago who remember the washi gton community choir

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**Seanrae White** says

Although we had our differences, and they were many, I will never ever forget you! You were there for me in my time of need. I met you when I was 14 years old and joined the choir at that age!!!! I find myself just thinking about you still can not believe that you are

gone.... I spoke on the phone with you a week before you passed. I was supposed to call you back but you passed. I would not be the woman that I am today had it not been for your teaching Rev. Washington you will forever live in my heart always..... I love you.....

 11 months ago

**Kathy and Arnie Guy** says

My prayers goes out to the Washington family, praying for your strength

 1 year ago

**India Rothwell** says

I am truly grateful for the precious angel God sent to me in my time of need. Pastor Washington is truly a blessed Man of the most high God! I appreciate the time I was blessed by his presence, as well as his teaching.. Love you much Washington Family stand strong in the Lord!! BLESSINGS

 1 year ago

**Gladys Denton** says


Prayer with deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and church members. You loved him but,GOD LOVED HIM MOST. YOU WILL MISS HIM DEEPLY BUT,HE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN BECAUSE YOU WILL HAVE HIM ALWAYS IN YOUR HEARTSS AND THOUGHTS.

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**Delores "Dee" Hervey** says

To my dear sister in Christ and family, this tpo shall pass. You know that he has rest and

peace in iyr Lord. Reflect on the fond memories. Smile when you do. I love you. But God.  
Dee

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