



Vincent Jerome Van Sr.

April 1, 1965 - October 22, 2018

He Died Trusting God

The life of Vincent Van is best told through his faith and family. He was a man of strong character, love, and compassion.

Born in Miami, FL on April 1, 1965, Vincent was born to Albertha Roundtree and John Henry Van. He was blessed to be raised by a strong mother who instilled in him a fervent love for Christ and service to others. He graduated from Miami Northwestern Senior High School in 1982. He eventually went on to obtain his Associates Degree in 2002 from Miami Dade Community College.

In 1989, he met his soulmate, Natilee Brown or who he often referred to as “Sexy Red,” in the elevator of the Miami Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Facility, and his life changed forever. This unique encounter, would outlast long trips between South Carolina and Miami while Natilee was in undergrad and, would ultimately lead to Natilee and Vincent getting married on May 15, 1992. They both shared a love for God, family, sports, and their favorite song Babyface’s *Soon As I Get Home*. Through their 26 years of marriage, Vincent and Natilee would counsel countless couples and demonstrate what love is under the shield of God. During their marriage, they nurtured five children: Vineshia (Baby Girl), Darius, Vincent Jr, Destiny (Princess), and Josiah. Vincent’s unwavering faith in God constantly sustained him. With Christ at the center of his life, Vincent used his careers as an ordained Reverend and Correctional Officer for both vocational and ministry purposes. After nearly a

decade of serving as an associate minister at The Way of Deliverance Church, Vincent would accept the call to pastor and establish his own church at Blessed Hope Ministries. During this time, Vincent was committed not only to the spiritual edification of his family, but the spiritual and social growth of his community. He led various after school programs for at-risk communities in Miami-Dade in partnership with his wife and First Lady Natilee. Vincent was a prophetic mouthpiece for God as he would speak into the lives of many family, friends, and strangers.

After spending decades in Miami, the Van family transitioned to Atlanta, GA in 2008 after his retirement from full-time pastoral ministry and corrections. At that time, Vincent continued to inspire and support the lives of those around him, especially his wife who founded her own school Heritage Preparatory Academy Charter School. As Vincent's family would continue to gain academic and career success, he always reminded them that "your talent/gift can take you there, but your character will keep you there." Through it all, Vincent continued to trust that God can do anything, so much so that after decades of distance from his dad, God blessed Vincent to be reconnected with his dad.

Vincent Van's life is a testament of God's love and purpose as he went to be with the Lord after 53 years on earth. He will be remembered as a "man who died trusting God." He leaves behind his soul mate Natilee Brown-Van, mother in law Rev. Beverly Coffey, father in law Robert Brown Sr., five children Vineshia, Darius, Rev. Vincent Jr, Destiny, and Josiah, one daughter-in-love Khadijah, one dog Bo, four grandchildren Simaya, Kimayra, Dwanell, and Xarria, siblings Connie (Clifford) Smith, Quentin (Lotorya) Van, Joanne (Ephesus) Exum, Jennifer (Dominique) Revell, John Henry Van, Jr., Roxie Van-Clark, Richard (Rose) Van, Jeffrey Van, Joan King, June Seymore, Renetta (Derek Sr.) Johnson, Robert (Alischa) Brown Jr., Wife 2 Denise Smith, three aunts, one uncle, twenty nieces, twelve nephews, a host of cousins, and countless number of friends.

Homegoing services for Mr. Vincent Jerome Van Sr. of Snellville, GA will be held Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home GWINNETT Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy. Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Visitation will be held on Friday, October 26, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Family Hour from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home GWINNETT Chapel (770) 388-5558

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Family Hour

OCT **26.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Homegoing services

OCT **27.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vincent Jerome Van Sr..*



October 24, 2018 at 06:15 PM



“ *Snellville Youth Commission purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Vincent Jerome Van Sr..*



Snellville Youth Commission - October 24, 2018 at 05:30 PM