

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
FOR THE LIFE OF

*Mr. Anthony
Benjamin Mills, Sr.*

SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 8, 1944 SUNSET: NOVEMBER 14, 2020

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020
12:00 NOON

THE REVEREND DR. FULTON L. PORTER,
RECTOR VI., OFFICIATING
ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
3801 S. WABASH
CHICAGO, IL 60653





THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TIMOTHY

I Timothy 4: 9-15 KJV

This is a faithful saying & worthy of all acceptance.

*Therefore, we both labor & suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God
who is the Savior of all men, especially of those that believe.*

These things, command & teach:

*Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers,
in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

*Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy,
with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.*

*Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them,
that thy profiting may appear to all.*

*Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine, continue in them,
for in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.*

EQUALS ON LIFE'S HIGHWAY
"THOUGHTS WHEN WE MUST LEAVE EACH OTHER
TO BE HOMEBOUND WITH GOD"



*My Darlin, Darlin, LaVerne
-You Are-*

*"The absolute Love of my Life, my Wife.
Where two live as one, not in each other's shadow,
but side by side, equal, there is true love".
Your Husband, Tony*

My Wonderful, Compassionate Husband Tony

*"We have lived, loved, and shared our lives to
fullness. We did what we had to do and saw it
through without exception. We did it our way
in congruence with & in difference to life's
highway, but we did it always in love for each
other and the world. I love you eternally".
Your Wife, LaVerne*

We can take forever, one minute at a time.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF *Anthony Benjamin Mills, Sr.*

Anthony Benjamin Mills was born on September 8, 1944 at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke Hospital in Chicago, IL. He was the only child born in love to the union of Jesse Earl Mills and Adele Duplessis Mills. As a baby, Anthony was baptized into the Catholic Church, professed the Catholic faith, and served many years as an Altar Boy. Anthony's Catholic faith was transitioned to the Episcopalian faith in 1980 at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL. and later St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Chicago, IL.

Anthony graduated from Englewood High School in 1962, worked as an office Key punch Supervisor until he was inducted into the Army forces in 1965. Anthony was honorably discharged from the Army with a Purple Heart Geneva Convention Award in 1967 and two-year college, Reserve status.

Anthony pursued an Administrative/Business focus for a life's work. In 1975, Anthony opened a successful photography studio and became a Family and Commercial Photographer, as well as teacher at Kennedy King College. In 1980, Anthony opened Mills Insurance Agency and Educational Institute, the only Black-owned, Licensed, 5-line Insurance school for Illinois Department of Insurance Pre-license Training Programs where Licensure in Auto, Health, Fire, Property and Life Insurance was offered. Programs also included Correspondence Insurance Education for Licensure. Anthony graduated from Control Data Institute for Computer Programming and Operations in 1985. Anthony provided Driver Education Training for Chicago High School youth thru Ward's Driver Training Program; he retired from Computer Programming in 1996 and assumed the computer as a hobby. In 1980, Anthony was blessed to marry the love of his life, Laverne H. Davis, a Registered Nurse (RN) Educator. Anthony spent many years of his retirement assisting his wife, Laverne (LV) with Charitable Fundraising and touring America's 50 great states. There were no children born of this union. Anthony and LV devoted their lives to each other as well as humanitarian work and lifestyles. Anthony and Laverne have enjoyed 38 wonderful years of marriage on life's super-highway together.

Anthony is preceded in death by his grandparents, Benjamin and Estrella Dupleissis; his parents and adopted brother, Joseph. Anthony transitioned to his "Heavenly Realm" on November 14, 2020 and will be missed dearly. Anthony will be missed and his memories cherished by his wife, Laverne H. Mills; son Anthony Mills Jr.; daughters Nicole Bradley and Marsha Ashoff; brother John Gajewski (Aljean), and a host of other relatives and devoted friends.

Order of Service

PRIVATE VISITATION.....10:00AM

PUBLIC VISITATION.....11:00AM

EULOGY.....12:00NOON

THE REVEREND DR. FULTON L. PORTER, RECTOR VI
ZOOM LIVE STREAMING

MUSICAL SELECTION.....INSTRUMENTAL
"3 TIMES A LADY"
LIONEL RICHIE

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH....."TRULY".....* SILENTLY*
LIONEL RICHIE

RECESSIONAL

Remains will not be viewed after eulogy

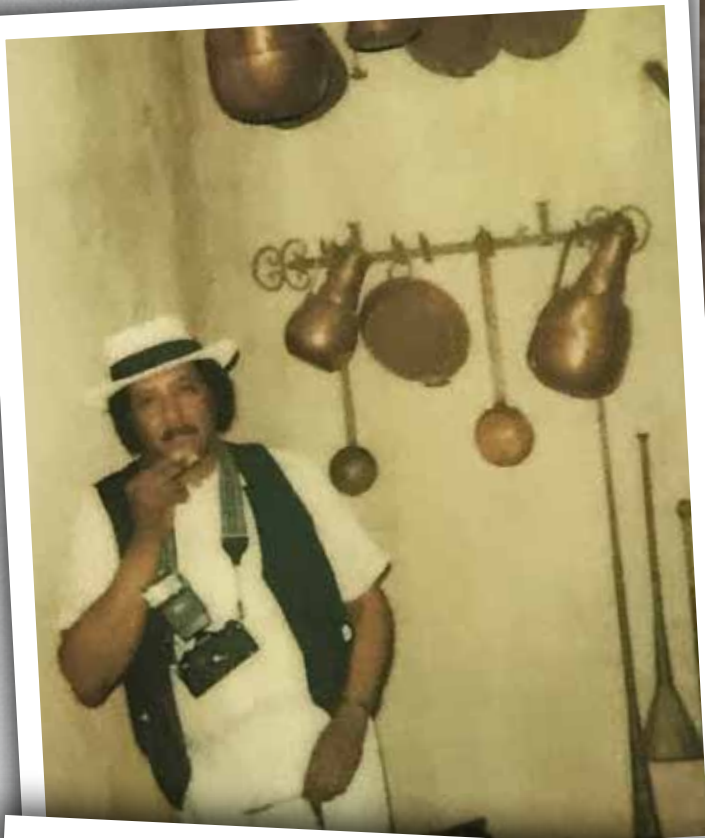


I NEEDED THE QUIET
*I needed the quiet so he drew
me aside Into the shadows
where we could confide.
Away from the hustle where all the
day long I hurried and worried
when active and strong.
I needed the quiet tho at first I rebelled
But gently, so gently, my cross he upheld
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things
Tho weakened in body,
my spirit took wings.
To heights never dreamed of
when active and gay He loved me so greatly,
lie drew me away.
I needed the quiet no prison my bed,
But a beautiful valley of blessings instead.
A place to grow richer in God to hide.
I needed the quiet so he drew me aside.*



*We can take forever,
one minute at a time.*





"THERE ARE THOSE, I KNOW
WHO WILL REPLY THAT
THE LIBERATION OF HUMANITY,
THE FREEDOM OF MAN AND
MIND, IS NOTHING BUT A DREAM...
THEY ARE RIGHT.
IT IS THE AMERICAN DREAM."
ARCHIBALD MACLEISH









ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Anthony B. Mills wishes to convey a heartfelt “Thanks to you”. Perhaps you sent a lovely card, made a telephone call, or sat quietly in a chair thinking of us. Perhaps you sent a spray of flowers, if so, we certainly saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friend could say or perhaps you were not here at all, just thought of us this day and held us near your heart. Whatever you did to comfort our hearts, whatever the part, we thank you so much.

PROFESSIONAL PALLBEARERS

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