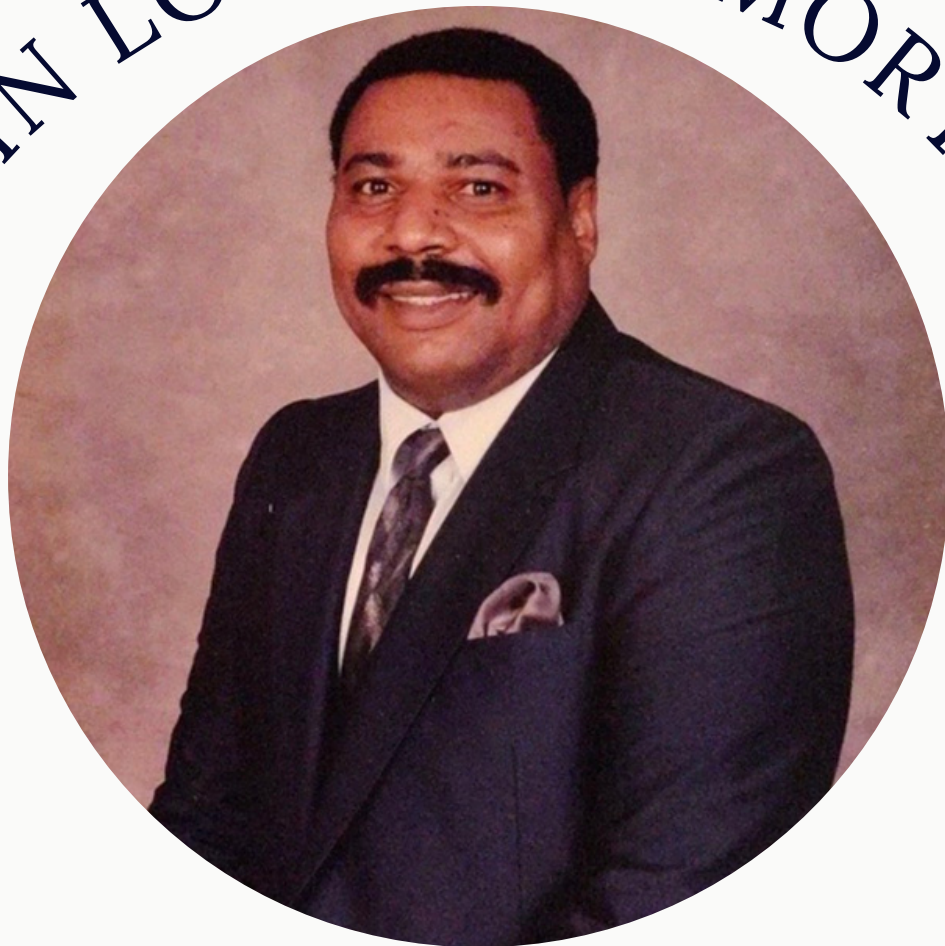


IN LOVING MEMORY



Curtis Van Buren

Sunrise: December 12, 1949

Sunset: June 14, 2026

Service: Saturday, June 27, 2026

Time: 11:00 am

Troy B. Smith Professional Services

9103 Scott St., Houston, TX 77051

Remembering the Life of *Curtis James Van Buren*

Curtis James Van Buren was born December 12, 1949, in New Orleans, Louisiana to Henry and Zola Mae Van Buren. He graduated from George Washington Carver High School.

Curtis was a dedicated worker at The Desire Community Center which was located in the Desire Housing Development. He worked at "The Center" for many years providing a safe environment for many of the children. Often referred to as "Coach," Curtis was also a father figure to many of the children. He stressed the importance of education and had a genuine desire to see each of them succeed regardless of their circumstances.

In 1985, a mutual friend introduced Curtis to Shirley Owens. They were smitten by one another's charm. They often travelled back and forth between New Orleans and Houston, getting to know each other. In 1992, Curtis and Shirley were married. It was then that he relocated to Houston, TX, fulfilling his role as both husband and father to Shirley and her son, Shawn Owens, Sr.

Over the years, Curtis has been a role model and father-figure to many. Affectionately known as "Pops," Curtis leaves a legacy of love to family and friends.

Curtis is preceded in death by his father, Henry Van Buren, his mother, Zola Mae Van Buren, his sister, A. V. Ryan, and brothers: Charles Van Buren, James Van Buren, Roosevelt Van Buren, Johnnie Van Buren, Jimmie Van Buren, Edmond Van Buren, and Wesley Van Buren.

Curtis' legacy will continue through his loving wife, Shirley, his son, Shawn Owens, Sr. (Johnetta), son, Travis Williams, sister, Betty Van Buren, and his grandchildren, Tierra Hopkins and Shawn Owens, Jr.



Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURE READING

Old & New Testament
Rev. Willie R. Thompson

PRAYER

Min. Lucretia Bowman

SELECTION

Soloist

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

family friend

Rev. Edward Draper

IN HONOR OF POPS

William Baker

EXPRESSIONS

(please limit to two minutes)

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

Johnny Van Buren

SERMON

Pastor Andrew W. Berry II
New Life Church (Texas City, TX)

RECESSIONAL

