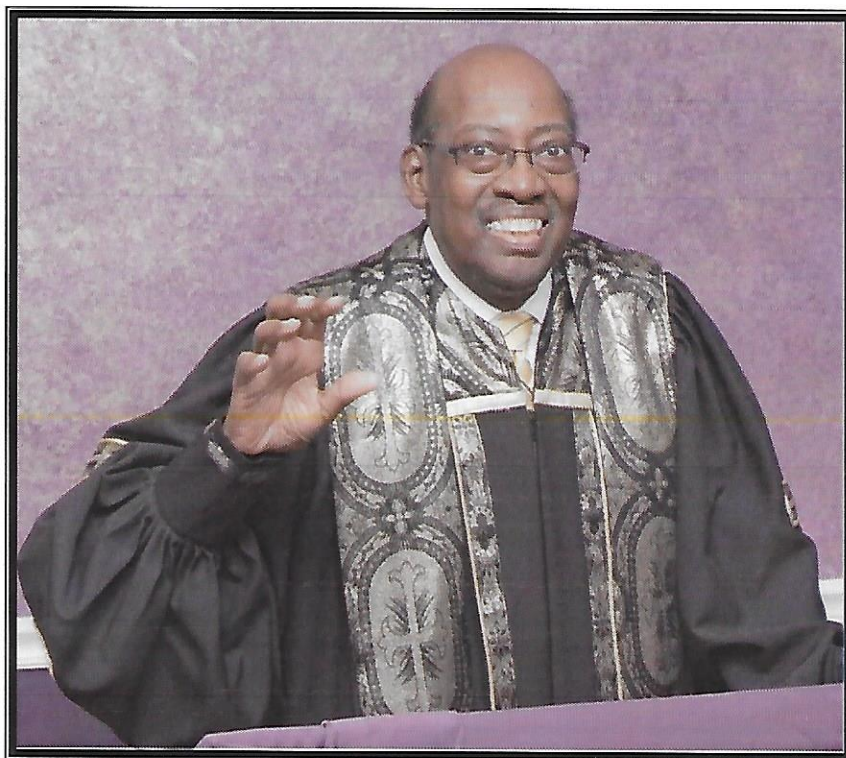


**Celebrating The Life and Legacy**

**Pastor Silas Leondus Mayfield**



**Sunrise  
April 24, 1949**



**Sunset  
December 6, 2017**



**Sunday, December 10, 2017  
2:30 P.M.**

**Union Baptist Church  
904 N. Roxboro Street  
Durham, NC 27701**

**Rev. Prince Rainey Rivers, Senior Pastor  
Dr. Kenneth R. Hammond, Pastor-Emeritus, *Presiding*  
Dr. Robert A. Horne, *Eulogist***

## Silas Leondus Mayfield

**Silas Leondus Mayfield**, son of the late Lottie Mayfield and Paul Ragland was born on April 24, 1949 in Durham, North Carolina. He grew up with the values of honesty, integrity, and honor, instilled by his mother. The day Silas was born was the day when God blessed his family and all who knew him with a friend and loving family man. His transition on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 completed his earthly ministry and began his heavenly residence with God.

An excellent student and ambitious learner, Silas was educated in the Durham Public Schools and graduated from Hillside High School in 1969. He received his Bachelor of History in 1972 from North Carolina Central University. Silas embraced his studies with rigor and commitment to excellence. He recognized that every job or school activity, including his running career, was an opportunity to display the values from his upbringing. As a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle Silas passed those same values on to his family. Silas was full of life and energy and enjoyed being in the company of others engaged in lively conversation.

Silas always exhibited the gifts of faith, determination, confidence, dedication, and service. His skill as a young runner at Hillside High School, his quick pace and unbridled zest for life led to his record breaking accomplishment as a young athlete. He will continue to serve as a source of inspiration for his many friends, family members, and community of Faith.

Holding a passion for photography, Silas opened his independent business, SLM Photography, a full service photography studio in 1979. As a photographer he had an observant eye for detail, color, and composition. Through the lens of a camera, Silas captured the essence of his subject matter with skill and expertise.

Silas lead a fulfilling ministry and belief in service to others, whether it was by volunteering at the University of North Carolina hospital twice a week, inspiring his family to reach their goals, or serving as past chairman and treasurer of the NCCU alumni class of 1972. Silas lived the teachings of the parable found in Luke 12:48: *From everyone who has been entrusted with much, much will be demanded.*

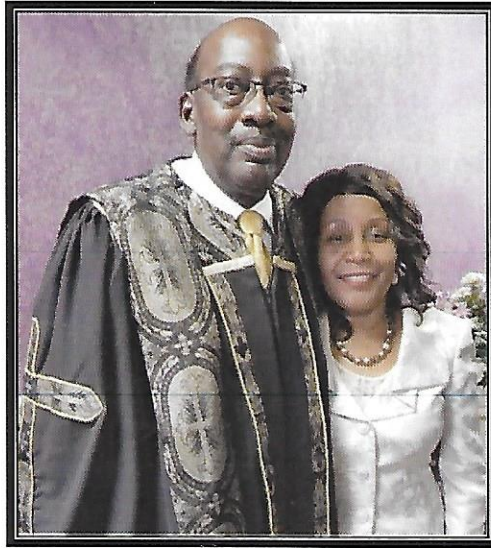
Silas was ordained into the ministry on August 26, 2001 at Union Baptist Church. Reverend Kenneth Hammond's teachings inspired Silas and gave him a desire and passion for ministry. During his tenure at Union Baptist Church, Silas served in many capacities, spreading his high energy and love for being busy for Christ.

Through the lens of his faith, Silas brought his personal relationship with Christ to RHEMA Missionary Baptist Church, founded in April 2002 by Silas. He served as Pastor to his church fellowship faithfully. He always said that his love for and relationship with Christ was his greatest accomplishment. Sharing his zest for Scripture with his fellowship was fulfilling to him.

Silas was not a quitter. Setbacks inspired him, naysayers motivated him, and challenges brought out his faithful spirit. Through his health challenges and any challenge, Silas continued to hold on to his Faith, growing closer to the Savior that he preached about and served. He persevered through his health challenges and always said, "It's not about me."

Silas will be cherished in legacy and memory by his his wife of 20 years, Deloise; his son, Silas, Jr. (Shelby); and his grandchildren, Armanie and Kaeson Mayfield of Durham, NC; his brothers, Paul Mayfield (Sarah) of Oxford, NC, Bobby Mayfield (Francina), and Ronald Mayfield (Mary); his sisters, Shirley Mayfield and Betty Mayfield; all of Durham, NC; his mother-in law, Catherine Dudley of NY; brothers-in law, Russell Dudley Sr. (Hope), Maysville, NC, Bernard Dudley (Keri) of Arizona, and Ernest Dudley of New York; godson, Matthew LaShaw; seventeen nieces and nephews, seven cousins and special cousin Marzella Owens; also four special friends who lifted, supported and gave Silas joy - Ronald Cromartie, Jerry Yarn, Simon Kearney, and Ben Forte.

The Mayfield family will always be indebted to Lonita Whitted and the entire Whitted family for their love and devotion to Silas. Silas knew that he had a safe place to land in their family and he appreciated each family member.



## Order of Service

Presiding – Dr. Kenneth R. Hammond

Processional

Hymn

*Pass Me Not*

Union Baptist Choir

Scriptures

Old Testament  
New Testament

*Psalm 112*  
*I Corinthians -15:51-54*

Reverend Paul Mayfield  
Dr. Kenneth R. Hammond

Prayer of Comfort

Dr. Kenneth R. Hammond

Choir Selection

Union Baptist Choir

Resolution

I. Jarvis Martin  
*NCCU Alumni Class of '72*

Acknowledgements and Obituary

Deloise Dudley-Mayfield

Special Remarks

Dr. Kenneth R. Hammond

Choir Selection

Union Baptist Choir

Eulogy

Dr. Robert A. Horne

Recessional

*I'm Just Waiting On Jesus*

### The Committal

Glennview Memorial Park, 2515 N.C. 55, Durham, N.C. 27713

### Fellowship Hour

Union Baptist Church

*Drivers in the Procession, Please Turn on Your Headlights and Flashers for Safety!*