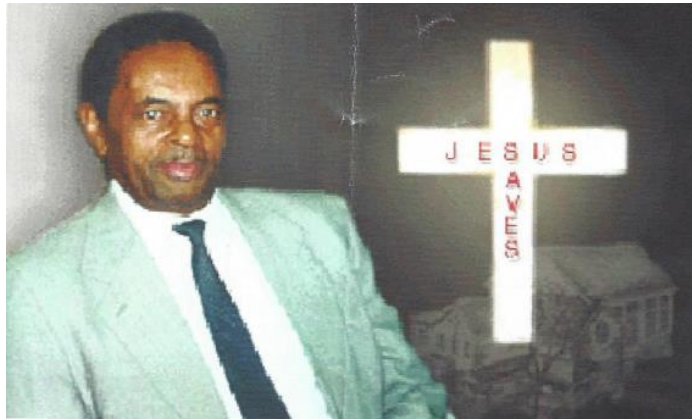


DEACON STEPHAN NATHANIEL BISPHAM

August 29, 1930 – August 29, 2000



OBITUARY

Deacon Stephen Nathaniel Bispham, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother uncle, neighbor and friend, departed this life on August 29, 2000, on his seventieth birthday. He will be remembered for the things that vividly characterized his life: devotion to God, his family, church and community.

Deacon Bispham was born on August 29, 1930 to the late Isalene and John Bispham in Saint George, Barbados. It was there that he attended elementary and high schools. In 1969, he married Carmen Walrond in Barbados. Two years later, he and his wife came to the United States, where they reared their family. He worked at Harvard University for twenty years and retired in 1993, at the age of 62.

He joined Metropolitan Baptist Church in the early eighties under the pastorate of Revered William Cooper. As a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church, he served as Chairman of the Deacon Board, a member of the Naomi Missionary Board, Trustee Board, Men's Chorus, and many other boards and auxiliaries. He also served as president and vice president of the Deacon's Union and Ladies Auxiliary of Greater Boston and Vicinity, where he was a member for many years. He received a two-year certificate in Theological Studies from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary; Center for Urban Ministerial Education (CUME).

He was a faithful and dedicated member of his church, a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. There was nothing you'd ask of him that he wouldn't do for you. He will be missed greatly by his pastor, church, wife, family and community. They all loved him very much.

He was a very quiet and loyal servant of God. He leaves to cherish his memories a devoted wife, Carmen Walrond Bispham; children: Kathleen Elaine Harding, Deborah Bispham-King, Mechelle Bispham, Jacqueline P. Bispham (late), Anderson Walrond, Anthony S. Walrond and Joel I. Bispham; and brother, Harold Deane of Barbados. He also leave 16 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.