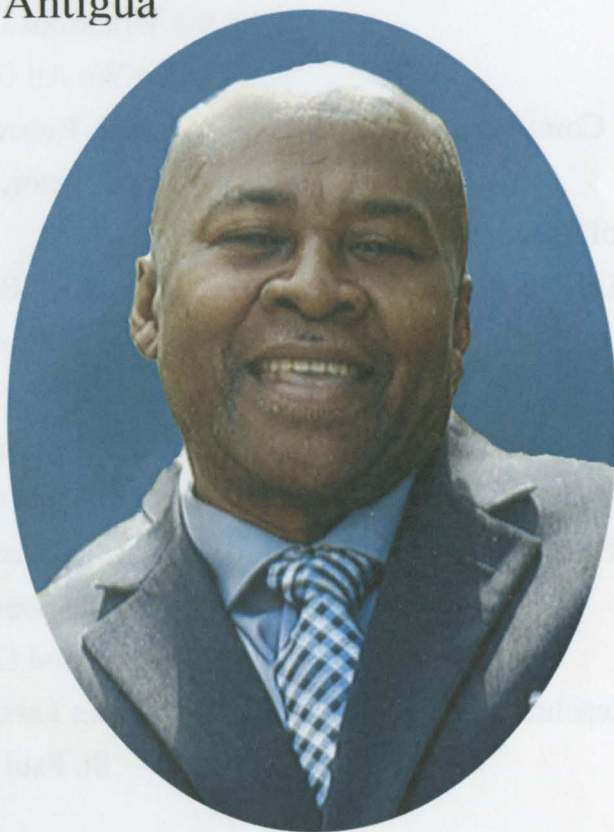


The Homegoing Celebration
For
Mr. Ian Fitzroy "Don" Soanes

Sunrise
June 21, 1945
St. Peter Parish,
Antigua

Sunset
February 7, 2015
Forsyth County, NC



Saturday
February 14, 2015
2:00PM
St. Paul AME Church
321 N. South Street
Mount Airy, NC
Pastor Willis Camp, III / Officiating/Eulogist
Interment
Mountain View Cemetery
Mount Airy, NC

Order of Service

- Receiving Family and Friends..... 1:00PM until 1:55PM
(open for Memorial Tributes for those in attendance)
- Music Minister Wesley E. Hendrix
Payne Chapel Baptist Choir and St Paul Choir
- Celebration of Life Rev. Willis M. Camp, III
Pastor / Presiding Officiant
- Hymn of Celebration AMEC Hymn #513
“Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus”
(When We All Get to Heaven)
- Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Rupert G. Ferguson
Retired Pastor, AME Church
- Reading of Scriptures
- Old Testament..... Psalms 90:1-12
Rev. Anita Thompson, Pastor
Emmanuel AMEC, Durham NC
- New Testament 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- Selection St. Paul and Payne Chapel Choirs
- Memorial Tributes (Those designated)
Soanes (Brothers)
Gwyn (Children and Grandchildren)
- Church Resolution..... Sis. JoAnn Larkin (Secretary)
St. Paul AME Church
Mt. Airy, NC
- Song of Triumph: “Every Praise” Choir and Congregation
- The Eulogistic Word of God Rev. Willis M. Camp, III
Pastor
St. Paul AME Church
- A Family Song..... Gwyn Family (Children and Grandchildren)
- The Recessional..... Clergy, Family, Friends Selection by Choir
- Committal The Final Resting Place for Bro. Ian Soanes

** In the case of inclement weather conditions
the committal will be in the church***

OBITUARY

Mr. Ian Fitzroy "Don" Soanes was born on June 21, 1945 to George and Glendora (Philo) Soanes in St. Peter Parish, Antigua. He departed this earthly life on February 7, 2015.

As a teenager he came to New York City, where he lived for over 30 years. During his time there he attended APEX Technical School where he studied welding. He often worked alongside his brother, Clarvis Soanes, doing various construction, plumbing and welding jobs throughout the New York and New Jersey area. He worked for the Hess Oil Company in Rahway, New Jersey. He also developed a love for cooking, working as a short-order cook in numerous New York City restaurants. When he wasn't working, you could find him watching baseball, preferably The New York YANKEES his favorite team. He was an avid fan of sports.

In 1980, he met Ms. Brenda Gwyn in the Bronx, NY. Their coming together created the blended family of his sons, Don and Damon along with her children, Tracey, Malik, Bnje and Nica, which was the start of their 35 year relationship. Their love relocated them to Mount Airy, NC in 1995 where they married in April, 1997 and spent their last days together. While living in Mount Airy they briefly worked together at Sage Brush Steakhouse until he began to work for In-Steel Wire Products as a drawer machine operator. He truly loved and adored his wife and family. To quote him, "I ask God to bless me wife and the New York Yankees". He always lovingly referred to her as "Gwyn" and would tell everyone "I love me wife". His children lovingly called him "Pop". He was a loving Grandpa who adored and always encouraged his grandchildren, who were his greatest treasure.

In 2012, he gave his heart and soul to Jesus Christ. He became a member of St. Paul AME Church, serving as a Trustee and Good Samaritan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Leo (Bona), Winston, Connie Soanes; his son Damon Williams. He leaves to cherish memory, his wife Brenda; his brothers, Clarvis (Catherine), Eugene (Cerene), Everette Soanes; his children, Don Williams, Tracey (Gerard) Moore, Malik (Donna) Meyers, Bnje (Sabrina) Gwyn, Nica (Keith) Rawley, Desmond Carry; his 22 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. He was beloved by all who knew him. He wanted everything and everyone to be **"HIGHCLASS."**

FLOWER BEARERS

Granddaughter-Nieces

CASKET BEARERS

Malik Meyers • Gerard Ware
Bnje Gwyn • Keith Rawley
Nicholas Gwyn • Britan Gwyn

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Mitchelle Fonville • Billy Rawley
Charles Gaines • Felix Anthony Whitlock
Samuel Lewis

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For each loving thought, call and comforting word,
each lovely flower and prayer, we wish to thank
everyone for their sincere acts of love and sympathy
shown during the illness and passing of Don. May
God enrich your lives for sharing and touching our
lives in such a caring way.

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Family Reflections via Social Media

Tracey Gwyn-Moore

"It is with the heaviest heart that I have to say our Dad/Pop passed away. To know my family is to know that we were blessed and grateful to have Mr. Ian Don Soanes in our lives for over 35 years. When he and my mom met, she was going through some "family stuff" and he was her knight in shining armor. He came in and swooped her off her feet and took the 4 of us along for the ride. He has been a constant presence in our family. He has touched the lives of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and family as well many of our friends. We will miss him dearly. He's gone but won't be forgotten. Rest in Peace Pop! We Love you so much! Xoxo"

Jordan Singletary-Gwyn

"As a little boy I admit I didn't understand a lot of the things you did that actually helped me to b the man I am today. We was boyz so you had to be tough but you always kept it real with every one of us. You told us that we can't get nothing we want outta life from just sitting in the house that's probably why every chance you got you kicked us all out. Grandpa always told me no matter what happens you can always call on you grandpa for anything and I'm glad I never had to put that to the test cause now that you're an angel watching over me I know I'm forever blessed (rest in peace Don)".

Tiffany Raye Moore

"How selfish is it to think we have all the time in the world to love someone & show them. "Tiffany how many Grandpas you got? ...One, you only got one when anyone ask you that you better tell them that, I got 2 Grandmas but ONLY ONE Grandpa'."

Nicholas M. Gwyn

"My grandfather has passed away. My heart and the hearts of my family are so heavy right now. As I said earlier, "To God be the glory." It is the hardest and easiest thing to say right now. Sleep in heaven Grandpa. "And when you wake in the morning's hush, I am the sweet uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight."-Requiem, Eleanor Daley".

Giovanni Brown

"This was a very good Man he was always there for the family words can't describe the shock and hurt please don't comment I don't want your sympathy just say a prayer for Don and Brenda".

Angela Lynch-Fonville

"If a person has substance and being they have a GREAT EFFECT on every life they come in contact with. I will miss my friend greatly but he instilled a lot and GREATLY AFFECTED my Life. I TRULY LOVE U POP".

Jamie Gwyn

"Up early this morning heart heavy thinking about the great loss my family has suffered this past weekend. My Uncle Don represented something special to each person in my family he said "James" as he and Aunt Brenda call me I tell you "98" times (which seemed to be his favorite number) finish school and take care of your kids we're not meant to last forever the body gets old and tired before it does teach those kids something man"..... "Uncle Don I'm working on it daily".....Please pray my family strength through this ruff time...Especially my dear Aunt Brenda, my baby I Love You soooooo Much..."

Azia Moore

"Azia, I love you...I'm proud of you"... "You're my million dollar girl. Go to school, get a lickel education & a nice boy to marry" hahaha..."Shawty you got a lickel belly, good job-raise him well and always tell him about your grandpa".... #Life Lessons, I'll miss you forever...#Grandpas Girl #Rest Peacefully".

Sabrina Brown-Gwyn

"My heart is breaking....I can't believe you're really gone....but I know you've gone on to a better place...you were a great man, and that's the reason why you'll be so missed....I'll never forget how much you did for us because you loved us... We love you Pops....rest in peace my friend".

Lenise Lynch

"God gained another angel yesterday... Praying for the Soanes-Gwyn Family today. Uncle\Grandpa Don will be missed by all who knew and loved him".

Gerard Moore

"Good evening fam.....It's with a heavy heart that I ask for your prayers tonight.....We received word earlier this evening that my beloved father-in-law Ian "Papa Don" Soanes has passed away

.....I know quite a few of my friends knew him so I wanted to let you know.....We are still in shock.....I don't want to believe it....He was the best....He was a father to us all.... He had the kindest spirit and the biggest heart....He will truly be missed.....Please say an extra prayer for my mother in law Brenda I know she is going thru it right now.....Thanks”.

Nica Gwyn Rawley

“For the second time in my life, I lost my Dad. I know the word of God, I understand that he makes no mistakes; I know what to say to other people when they're facing death...why can't I hear my own words? I just told my bestie Lenise to keep her head up during her loss...why can't I hear my own words? I know he's in a better place, I know he's not suffering anymore but why can't I hear my own words? Lord, I'm listening...Rest In Peace Pop!”



I didn't feel so **SHARPE**, but I feel **SHARPE** now!

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