

I'm There Inside Your Heart

Right now, I'm in a different place

And though we seem apart

I'm closer than I ever was,

I'm there inside your heart.

I'm with you when you greet each day

And while the sun shines bright

I'm there to share the sunsets, too

I'm with you every night.

I'm with you when the times are good

To share a laugh or two,

And if a tear should start to fall

I'll still be there for you.

And when that day arrives

That we no longer are apart,

I'll smile and hold you close to me,

Forever in my heart.



The family of
STEVEN FRANK BAILEY,
wishes to express their deep
appreciation and sincere
thanks for all acts of kindness
shown to them during
this difficult time



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

STEVEN FRANK BAILEY

SUNRISE: APRIL 5, 1946 ~ SUNSET: JANUARY 6, 2025

MEMORIAL SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 AT 3:30 P.M.

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MINISTER STEPHANIE TORREY, *THE HOPE*, Officiating

REV. DR. ERIC B. TURNER, *Musician*

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Minister Stephanie Torrey (Sister)

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Wind Beneath MY Wings",

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

READING OF OLD TESTAMENT

William Torrey, Nephew

Psalm 121

READING OF NEW TESTAMENT

Rachel Torrey, Niece

John 14:1-6

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Minister Stephanie Torrey

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Jesus Is Love"

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

REFLECTIONS

Family & Friends

(2 Minutes Please)

SELECTION

"Why We Sing"

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

EULOGY

Minister Stephanie Torrey

COMMITTAL & BLESSING

Minister Stephanie Torrey

FINAL REMARKS

Funeral Director

RECESSIONAL

"One Wing"

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner



OBITUARY

STEVEN FRANK BAILEY: Born to Blanche Beatrice Bailey and Louis Bailey, at Lincoln Hospital, Bronx, New York, on April 5, 1946. The third child, and sibling to Michael Louis Bailey, and Jacqueline Mary Bailey. Later, there was another addition to the family, Stephanie.

Steven, a Bronx native who attended both elementary and high school in the borough, enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 17. This decision sparked a conflict with his mother, who strongly opposed his choice. His father, however, supported his ambition. Facing her son's ultimatum, his mother reluctantly signed the necessary consent forms.

While on tour in the Marine Corps, Steven worked in communications. After an Honorable Discharge, He joined the New York City Police Academy. This was a childhood dream. Steven worked for the NYPD for 12 years and retired.

Steven started his college education a few years earlier but took a break. His wife, Sandra encouraged him to finish. Steven graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in 1996, earning a B.A Degree in Psychology.

He was employed as an Administrative Assistant, at The Episcopal Church in New York City, processing grants for various Episcopal churches. He retired after working there for 20 years.

Steven led an active lifestyle, prioritizing his physical health. He was an avid cyclist for over 30 years and a dedicated runner, completing the New York City Marathon for 12 consecutive years.

Steven was very active in his community. He was a member of the Tenants Association, Boy Scout Leader, organized and managed a gym in the neighborhood. He was an after-school Tutor, a Community Activist with the Concerned Citizens Association, and regularly attended Police Community Board meetings in the Soundview area of the Bronx.

Steven met Sandra Ferrell in 1987 at Toronto Dominion Bank, in New York City. He worked in the Operations Department and Sandra was the receptionist in Human Resources.

They were introduced by a work buddy, Aida Pena. Starting off as friends, the friendship slowly grew. The first date was a meetup at the train station on 42nd street and Times Square, connecting to a train going to West 4th Street in Greenwich Village. Fifth car, middle door. In fact, that was the mode of transportation for just about every date, thereafter. Exploring different eateries and sights of Greenwich Village, as well as other areas of Manhattan was beautiful.

After a four-year courtship, Steven and Sandra married on August 31, 1991. They enjoyed spending time with friends, attending family functions, and traveling.

A key factor in our long-lasting marriage was acknowledging our individuality. We recognized that allowing each other the space to pursue our own interests was essential for a fulfilling marriage. This mutual respect and support contributed significantly to the longevity of our relationship, allowing our marriage to thrive.

"So, my husband, my darling, love of my life and best friend, I say, see you later, not goodbye - Fifth Car, Middle Door".

Steven is survived by: Sandra Anita Ferrell-Bailey (wife), Steven Frank Bailey, Jr. (son), Ivy Patrice Bailey (daughter), Rachel Elaine Bailey (daughter), Isaiah Elon Bailey (grandson), James Oscar O'Neal (Sandra's son), Cassandra Bowen O'Neal (daughter-in-law), James Lawrence Herbert (Sandra's son), Odessa Maries Eng/es (daughter-in-law), Jordan Alexandra O'Neal (granddaughter), Madison Amaret O'Neal (granddaughter), Soyini Janice Harden (cousin), Anita Harden (cousin), Joslynn Marie Eng/es-Herbert (granddaughter), Stephenie Marie Eng/es-Herbert (granddaughter), Arthur Slater (nephew), Denise Slaughter (niece), Nickia Slaughter (grandniece) Darren Slaughter (nephew), Raquel Slaughter (Darren's wife), Darren Roman Slaughter (grandnephew), Tre Vaughn Huggins (grandnephew), William Torrey (nephew), Rachel Dorothy Torrey (niece), Jacqueline Mary Slaughter (sister), Stephanie Torrey (sister), and Willie Torrey (brother-in-law), Mercedes Rogers (Goddaughter), Connie Sambrone (cousin) Pastor Fred Sambrone (cousin), Lynn Kelley (cousin), Thomas Kelley (cousin), Wanda Willis (cousin), Dr. Floyd Willis (cousin), Janine Ferrell-Dix (cousin), Roland Dix (cousin), Nia Dix (cousin), Nola Dix (cousin), Nyla Dix (cousin).