

# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



## *Clarence Cedric Givens*

Alpha: November 21, 1927 – Omega: October 27, 2018

### A SERVANT LEADER

Saturday, November 3, 2018  
11:00 A.M.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
2101 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL  
Father Stephan Brown, SVD

## LIFE REFLECTIONS OF CLARENCE CEDRIC GIVENS

*“You must decide if you are going to rob the world or bless it with the rich, valuable, potent, untapped resources locked away within you.”  
Therefore... “The greatest tragedy in life is not death, but a life without a purpose.” - Dr. Myles Munroe*

**Clarence Cedric Givens**, 90, of St. Petersburg, Florida, passed away on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at his residence, leaving this world blessed with a wealth of resources as he poured into the life of all he touched. He was born in St. Petersburg, FL to Eugene and Lula Givens in 1927. Siblings were Price, Eugene II, Robert, Ernest, Gus Keeper (all deceased).

He was married to his wife of 59 years, Willene Givens, the union of the two bore four children: Cedric, Roderick, M.D., Darlene Miller, and Willette (deceased 2003). He enjoyed spending time with his family; fishing off the Skyway Bridge, bowling, and in later years golfing. He picked up his first golf club in his late 60's and found himself to be very good at this sport.

Clarence was also very big on civic causes and education. He was a graduate of Gibbs High School Class of 1946, graduate of FAMU with a BS in Industrial Education in 1950, and the University of Florida with a Master of Education Degree in Counseling in 1964. He was employed with FAMU and Mississippi Valley State University – Instructor of Printing and Industrial Education, Pinellas County School Board (40 years); Sixteenth Street Junior High School (teacher and counselor), St. Petersburg Vocational-Technical Institute (Counselor), Countywide Career Education Special Projects (counselor and administrator).

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Beta Nu 1947 initiate, founding member of Theta Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., in 1962; founder of Alpha Leadership Program for Higher Achievement in School (ALPHA) Inc., 1978; and founding member of Concerned Organization for Quality Education for Black Students (COQEBS) Inc. in 2001, Pinellas County NAACP.

He leaves to cherish his memory: His loving wife, Willene Givens; children: Cedric Givens (Angelia Bland), of Bowie, MD; Roderick Givens, M.D. (Cheryl) of Natchez, MS; and Darlene Miller (Ricky), of Kansas City, Kansas. Grandchildren: Austin, Alana, Alexa, Danielle, Roderick James, Christina, and Willow. He also leaves multiple nieces, nephews other loving relatives and friends.

# ORDER OF THE FUNERAL MASS

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Celebrant / Fr. Stephan Brown, SVD**

### *Processional Hymn*

*Greeting..... Celebrant*

*Celebrant: "The grace and peace of God  
our Father, who raised Jesus from the  
dead, be always with you"*

*Response: "And with your Spirit"*

### *Gathering Hymn*

*"Just a Closer walk with Thee"*

*Invitation to Prayer ..... Celebrant*

*Opening Prayer ..... Celebrant*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*First Reading ..... Darlene & Willow Miller*

### *Responsorial Psalm*

*"I will Praise your name"*

*Gospel..... Celebrant*

*Homily..... Celebrant*

## *General Intercessions/Prayers of the Faithful*

*Prayer ..... Celebrant*

*Intercessions ..... Alexa Givens*

*Prayer ..... Celebrant*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### *Presentation of the Gifts*

### *Lord's Prayer*

### *Communion*

### *Reflections:*

*Charlie Williams*

*Willie Felton*

*Cedric Givens*

*Appreciation .....Roderick Givens, M.D.*

### *Song of Farewell (Incensing)*

*"One Day at a Time"*

### *Prayer of Commendation*

### *Recessional Hymn*

*"Precious Lord Take my Hand"*

**Cynthia and Michael Williams, Musicians**

## **Pallbearers**

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

## **Acknowledgement**

The family of Clarence Givens takes this time to express gratitude for all the love shown during our time of bereavement through prayers, visits, food, telephone calls, etc. Whatever you did to console our hearts, it is greatly appreciated.

~The Family ~

## **Interment**

Lincoln Cemetery  
600 58<sup>th</sup> Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

## **Repast**

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church  
3455 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

## **Funeral Services Entrusted to**

McRae Funeral Home  
1940 M. L. King Street South, St. Petersburg FL 33705  
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