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Father and Church Deacon Remembered Rayford Leon Givens

Funeral services for Rayford Leon Givens, will be held Thursday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 8101 N. Fiske Ave. Burial with military honors will follow at 1 p.m. at Willamette National Cemetery.

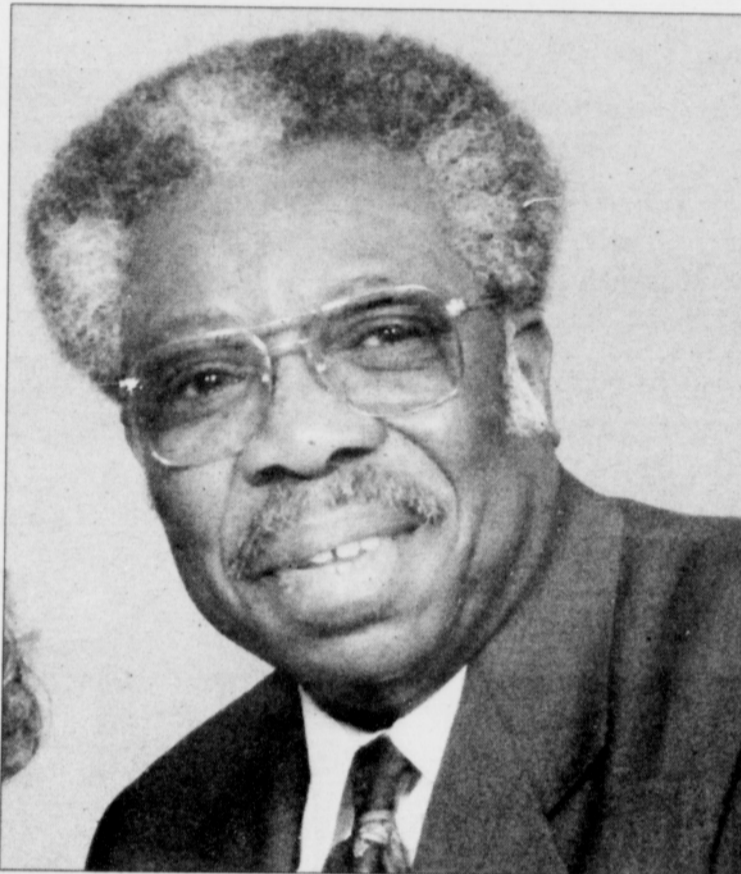
He was born July 29, 1934 in Wellston, Okla., the eldest of eight children to the late Arnedra Battle Givens and Princy G. Givens.

When he was just 8 months old, the family moved to Phoenix, Ariz. He attended Mary McLeod Bethune School and Carver High School in Phoenix, graduating in 1952.

In 1954, he joined the Marine Corps, saying at the time that he wanted to join the toughest branch of service. Later, he confessed that it was "extremely tough" and he wondered what in the world was he thinking. But, nevertheless he went on to serve duty in Japan, also in the Cuban Missile Crisis and two tours in Vietnam. By God's grace, he served without injury and retired from the Marine Corps in 1977 with more than 20 years of honorable service. Later, he was hired on at the Postal Service, where he gave 17 more years of public service.

Before his military career, he married Sharon Marlene Rhodes (Penny); they later divorced. To this union three daughters were born, Sandra, Adriene, and Donna. Ray later met and married Cora Mae Williams; this union also ended in divorce.

He received Christ into his life and joined St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, becoming a member of the church's Brother Hood, and later was ordained a deacon. He took great pride in volunteering as the



head barbecue cook for church events. He served as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent. He also became a member of the church's men's chorus and was a mentor to many.

Preceding him in death were three brothers, Charles, Wilburt and Robert Stanley Givens. He leaves to mourn and cherish fond memories, his daughters; sisters, Doris Jean Hendrix, Rose Marie Martin and Mary Elouise Givens; a brother Deacon Fred Givens and sister-in-law Shirley Givens; 15 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren; 10 nieces, 3 nephews and a host of grand nieces and grand nephews, many relatives and friends.

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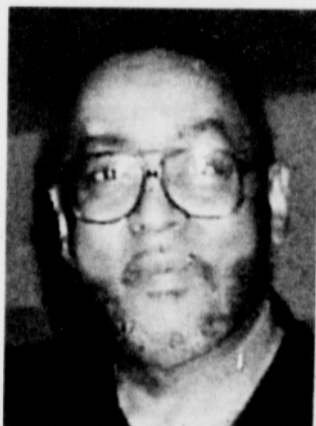
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