



Bishop Dr. John D. Wesley

November 1, 1931 - November 19, 2019

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8

In accordance with the will of our Heavenly Father, Sr. Bishop, Dr. John D. Wesley, son of the late Brother Robert & Deaconess Mamie Wesley of Madison, FL., made his triumphant transition and entered into eternal rest at the age of 88 on Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

Bishop Wesley began his Christian journey at an early age at St. Paul Holiness Church in Nankin, Georgia. He became a student of God's word and committed his life to The Great Commission. In the years that followed, Sr. Bishop preached the Gospel message from the United States to Austria, Korea, Vietnam, Germany and other countries. His proclamation of what the Bible says reached around the world with God's truth, which has empowered and encouraged many.

Sr. Bishop was a man of character, integrity, strength, discipline, and love. He never met a stranger, had a heart made of gold and was truly a family man. As God would have it, purpose and destiny collided when he married the love of his life, Dr. Mary A. Tolbert. The two shared the passion for inviting people everywhere to repent of sin and receive Jesus Christ as Savior. Bishop Wesley served his country through the United States Army for over 20 years.

While in Germany, there was a lot of racial tension among the troops. Seizing the opportunity to spread God's Word and be an example for all men, he intervened through ministry, which brought about harmony. While stationed in Germany, the Wesleys were awarded with an Appreciation Certificate for the role they played in helping to quell racial unrest on the Army post, and their overall involvement with the Chapel Services. This honor was issued by the General Commission of Chaplains in Washington, D.C.

Sr. Bishop Wesley received his Bachelor of Religious Education from Heritage Bible College, Dunn, NC. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Shaw University in 1982. In 2007, Apex School of Theology bestowed upon him the Doctorate of Divinity Degree.

In 1998, Dr. Wesley was installed as Sr. Bishop of the Holy Bible Church of God. Dr. Wesley founded and was installed as the Sr. Bishop of the One Accord Holiness Church in 2006. After a merger in 2012, Dr. Wesley became the Presiding Prelate of One Accord Worldwide Church of God, Incorporated. Throughout his tenure, he was also the pastor of Friendship, St. Mary's, and Bible Center. He was a faithful and trusted spiritual adviser to many members of the clergy and through his dynamic teaching and modeling, numerous Spiritual Sons and Daughters were birthed and nurtured. Dr. Bishop was A Man After God's Own Heart and lived by the motto, "May The Works I Do Speak For Me." Indeed, His Works Are Speaking!!!

Sr. Bishop was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, seven brothers, and one daughter.

A link in our family chain has been removed, but we are comforted by his many lessons, sacrifices, and memories. His inspiration and love will forever be etched in the minds and hearts of his wife, Pastor, Dr. Mary A. Wesley of the home; his children Minister Carolyn D. Wesley, Fayetteville, NC, Pastor Deborah W. Brown, Brunswick, GA, Deacon John L. Wesley, (Eleanor), Laurinburg, NC, Peggy W. Dorsey (Andrew), Colorado Springs, CO, Apostle Titus W. Wesley (Benita), Raeford, NC, Deaconess LaVondra Boyd, (Calvin),

Fayetteville, NC, and Elder Leonardo K. Wesley, Fayetteville, NC; two special sons, Bishop Lorenzo Watson (Helen), Laurinburg, NC, and Bishop John McNeill (Arline), Fuquay Varina, NC; 20 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Anna Mae Patterson and Leah Tiller both of Madison, FL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, Godchildren, loving relatives, friends, Spiritual Sons and Daughters.

Cemetery Details

Lafayette Memorial Park-WEST Cemetery

6701 Raeford Rd
Fayetteville, NC 28304

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Bible Center Holiness Church
2330 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC

Funeral

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cape Fear Conference B Hqrts
10225 Fayetteville Rd.
Raeford, NC 28376

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Wesley, I was saddened to hear of the passing of your husband. Praying that God will give you and the family strength and peace today and days to come. May the memories you all shared forever be with all of you. May the works Bishop Wesley has done speak for him and may God's blessings continue to flow to all of you.



Teresa Wilkerson King (Thomas) - November 23, 2019 at 04:57 PM

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“ Servant of God Well Done...Now Take Rest From Thy Labor and Return Unto The Masters Joy...Sleep On Bishop Until That Glorious Get Up Morning...



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