



ELDER CHARLES L TERRY

November 16, 1934 - April 17, 2020

Obituary

Elder Charles L. Terry was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. November 16, 1934. He was the first born son of Mrs. Lucille Morgan. He was an upright Man Of God, relentless Disciple of Jesus Christ, loving husband, a caring father, a doting grandfather, a devoted son, a loyal brother, and a wonderful uncle and friend who will be greatly missed.

During the latter part of the Great Depression, Elder Terry who was around five or six years old at the time, and his baby brother Perry, were left in the care of the “lady who lived next door” by his mother who ventured out from home to find work. Of special nod to the “lady who lived next door”, she made the sacrifice to care for the young children while dealing with the severe health challenge of cancer.

Young Charles was charged with caring for his baby brother and assisting the lady (Ms. Hattie) with everyday tasks and chores. Miss. Hattie's brother eventually took custody of him and his brother, and moved them to his farm in Mt. Pleasant, LA. Charles lived and worked on the farm for around four years, praying fervently to the Lord that his mother would return for him. She did eventually return; however Ms. Hattie's brother initially made it difficult for

Mrs. Lucille to take her children. She was forced to involve the authorities, but was ultimately successful in getting her children back.

Once he was reunited with his mother, Charles moved to Little Rock, Arkansas and started first grade at the age of ten. His age brought ridicule from other students, as well as some teachers. He persevered until the sixth grade. Afterwards, he made the decision to walk into a Recruiting Office and join the United States Navy. As a member of the United States Navy, Charles started out working in the galley, (GOD showed him favor) impressed one of his commanding officers who assisted him in moving up in rank where he became a Petty Officer.

He was stationed in New York when he met and married his first wife, Nelmore Johnson. They were married for forty years. During the course of their marriage, they became very good friends with the Singleton Family. Elder Terry also acquired his Doctorate of Sacred Theology from United Christian College during this period of his life. Nelmore Terry who was COGIC, had a great influence on his life. Charles retired from the Navy, and he and his wife spent most of their years together traveling the world (Africa, India, Thailand, China, Panama, Mexico, Korea, Bering Straits in Alaska) preaching, teaching and doing missionary work through the Word of God until she passed away in 1994.

After the death of Mother Nelmore Terry, Elder Terry moved to Kansas to be with his long time friend The Singletons. He joined Mason Temple COGIC,

and worked with Bishop William H. McDonald until he passed away in 2004. Elder Terry continued his service with Mason Temple COGIC Bishop L. F. Thuston became the new Pastor. Bishop Thuston appointed Elder Terry the Assistant Pastor of Mason Temple COGIC, where he served faithfully.

The Lord led Elder Terry to marry Sister Patricia A. Durrah on June 21, 1997. A woman who loves GOD, and flows through the anointing of GOD. He immediately became father to her daughters Jannetta, Alicia, and Katrina. He and Sister Patricia have fourteen grandchildren, and eight great-children.

Elder Terry passed away peacefully at Providence Hospital on April 17, 2020. He was preceded in death by his first wife Mother Nelmore Terry; his mother Lucille Morgan; two brothers, John L. Staton, and Perry; and two sisters, Queen Ester and a younger sister who died as a child. He leaves behind to carry on his legacy, his loving and devoted wife of twenty-three years, Patricia A. Terry; three step-daughters, Jannetta, Alicia and Katrina; fourteen grandchildren; eight great-children; the Singleton Family (Mother Singleton Dec. Singleton, Rebecca and Abigail; three sisters-in law; three brothers-in law; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 12:00 A.M. on Monday, April 27, 2020 at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Linwood Chapel. Visitation 11:00 A.M. Interment Tuesday, April 28, 2020 Leavenworth National Cemetery.

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