



Rev. Dr. Joseph A. White, Jr.

September 2, 1959 - May 23, 2025

Rev. Joseph Abbott White Jr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, pastor, and friend, entered eternal rest on May 23, 2025. Born on September 2, 1959, in Kansas City, Missouri, Joseph was the cherished son of the late Joseph A. White Sr. and Willie B. White.

Joseph was educated in the Kansas City Public Schools and graduated from the historic Lincoln High School in 1977. As a high school student, he participated in the Upward Bound Program at Rockhurst High School, earning college credits and expanding his academic horizons.

He began his collegiate studies at the historically Black Bishop College in Marshall, Texas, and later transferred to Christ Unlimited Baptist Institute, where he earned his degree in 1981. Driven by a call to serve others in times of grief, Joseph pursued studies in Mortuary Science at Kansas City Kansas Community College. He became a certified funeral director in 1992 and dedicated over two decades of compassionate service at Lawrence A. Jones Funeral Home. His professional service extended to several funeral homes across Kansas City, including E.R. Morris Funeral Chapel and Watkins Heritage Chapel.

In 2021, Rev. White was honored with an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Faith Bible College and Seminary, recognizing his lifetime of spiritual

leadership and service.

Encouraged by his mother to learn the organ, Joseph became a gifted church musician. His love of music and ministry led him to serve at Community Baptist Church in Holiday, Kansas, where he also answered the pastoral call following his father's passing. From 2006 to 2014, he served as the founder and pastor of Agape Worship Center, continuing his legacy of spiritual leadership. Most recently, he served faithfully as an associate minister at Fellowship Right Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Lawrence W. Nevels Sr.

A proud and dedicated Mason, Rev. White was deeply involved in Masonic service through the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Kansas. He was a 33rd Degree Mason, "Orient Consistory #19, conferred in Detroit, Michigan in 2006. He held numerous leadership roles, including:

- * Past Worshipful Master, Southgate Lodge #101
- * Past Potentate, Koran Temple No. 33
- * Past Grand Joshua, State of Kansas

He was also a devoted member of the Baptist Ministers Union of Kansas City.

Joseph united in marriage with his love Denise D. Hudson-White March 20, 2016. He adored his wife and was Godly proud of his children and grandchildren. They each held a special place in his heart.

A passionate teacher and scholar, Rev. White loved leading Bible studies, and enjoyed studying history, politics, and theology in his free time. His life was a testament to faith, service, and family.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Joseph Sr. and Willie B.

White.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Denise Hudson-White; his bonus children, Da'Londa Thomas (Ray); Davoya Marshall (Brandon); Denisha Jones (Willie); and KyLael Jeffries; twelve adored grandchildren; and a host of extended family; church family; brethren; and friends.

Rev. Joseph Abbott White Jr. will be deeply missed but his legacy of service, love, and faith will live on in all who knew and loved him.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday June 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Fellowship Right Baptist Church 4700 Pittman Road KCMO 64133. Interment: Twelve Gates Memorial Gardens. Visitation: 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the Church. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolences may be shared on our website lawrenceajones.com

Cemetery Details

XII Gates Memorial Gardens

9500 East Bannister Road
Kansas City, MO 64138

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fellowship Right Baptist Church
4700 Pittman Rd
KC, MO 64133

Funeral Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers for the White Family.*

Joyce Dodd Johnson - June 13, 2025 at 05:22 PM

RI

“ *Praying for the family. Rev. White was a Very Blessed man with a big heart.*

Rev. Edward B Stevenson, III - June 12, 2025 at 09:53 PM

BB

“ *Praying for the Family!*

May God Bless and Keep You!!!

Brenda Bass - June 09, 2025 at 12:54 PM

WB

“ *My Dearest beloved cousin as I told you a day or two before you passed it would be ok and now you're ok. I'll miss you and always love you deeply. Now rest with my Uncle Rev Joseph White Sr. And My dearest loving Godly woman Mother Willie B. White was my solid rock and strength. They love you very much LITTLE JOE, Thanks Denise thanks for all you did in my Dear cousin life all was much appreciated . THANK YOU THE ENTIRE FAMILY Applaud you. Be Blessed in the Mighty name of Jesus.*

Your loving cousin from Texas

Wanda Faye Anderson McCarter Beckworth

Wanda Beckworth - June 08, 2025 at 10:30 AM

SD

“ SHELIA DAVIS lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Joseph A. White, Jr.



SHELIA DAVIS - June 03, 2025 at 03:46 PM

SJ

“ To the entire White family (Denise) you all have my Sincere condolences on the passing of Rev. Joe White our Bible Study & Sunday School Teacher. To be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD!!! 🥹🌹🕊️



Sharon Sims Johnson - May 27, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ just want to send love and condolences to all

Grace Jones - May 26, 2025 at 03:11 PM



Love & condolences from MGM & all of the McCallop Family

Grace Jones - May 28, 2025 at 04:20 PM

ST

On behalf of the Lincoln Sr. High School Class of 1976, we send our deepest condolences to the family of our friend, Rev. Joseph White Sr. May God comfort your hearts.
Sonia Thomas

Sonia Thomas - May 29, 2025 at 07:01 PM

SD

Rev. Dr. Joseph A. White, Jr. you welcome me in open hands at the E.R. Morris Funeral Chapel back in 1995. I never forget the special moment when we did our solo at a funeral service in Kansas, " Walk Around Heaven". I thank GOD for that day. Rest in LOVE & PEACE.

*Don't cry for me.
I will be okay.
Heaven is my home now,
and this is where I'll stay.*

*Don't cry for me.
I'm where I belong.
I want you to be happy
and try to stay strong.*

*Don't cry for me.
It was just my time,
but I will see you someday
on the other side.*

*Don't cry for me.
I am not alone.
The angels are with me
to welcome me home.*

*Don't cry for me,
for I have no fear.
All my pain is gone,
and Jesus took my tears.*

*Don't cry for me.
This is not the end.
I'll be waiting here for you when we meet again.*

"Love Shelia Davis & Family"

SHELIA DAVIS - June 03, 2025 at 03:52 PM