



Pastor William F. Snorgrass

August 8, 1951 - March 29, 2023

Obituary

William Foster Snorgrass was born August 8, 1951 in Sedalia, Missouri to John Chism and Frances Helen Snorgrass Blackstone. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, William Jordan Snorgrass, maternal grandparents, Richard and Eva Snorgrass, Stepmother, Darlene Chism, and infant brother, Richard Rueben Blackstone.

Pastor Snorgrass was no stranger to learning. He attended Lincoln Hubbard Elementary, and graduated from Smith-Cotton High School, located in Sedalia, Missouri, in 1969. In June of 1970, he entered the United States Navy, where he served for two years on active duty, later serving another two years in the Naval Reserves.

Pastor Snorgrass continued his education at Central Institute of Technology (known as DeVry Institute) and graduated in 1975 in Kansas City, Missouri. He also attended Penn Valley Community College for two years before transferring to Western Baptist Bible College, graduating with an Associate Degree in Bible Theology. May 13, 1987, he graduated from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas and received a Bachelor's of Science (Human Relations) in 1999. In addition, studied at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas. August 14, 2011, he received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Christian Minister's Alliance, Inc. located in Tulsa,

Oklahoma. He was the youngest recipient out of eight to receive this honor.

Pastor Snorgrass accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age while attending Wards Memorial Missionary Baptist Church under the late Reverend J.E. Erickson in Sedalia, Missouri.

He met his wife, Annetta, at an early age in Versailles, MO and married at the tender age of 19, in 1970. The two relocated to Kansas City, Missouri. In the summer of 1977, he, along with his wife and two daughters, rededicated their lives to the Lord and united with Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, under the late Reverend A.M. Hudson, Sr. He served in many areas as a Jr. Laymen's Counselor, Sunday School Teacher, BTU Youth Director, the Laymen's Male Chorus and other areas as needed.

Pastor Snorgrass accepted his call to the ministry in 1979 and in September of 1981, he was ordained and began serving as Assistant to the Pastor under Reverend A.M. Hudson, Sr. He served in this position until the retirement of Pastor Hudson in November of 1988. He then served as Interim Pastor for Progressive Missionary Baptist Church for one year. November 17, 1989, Progressive was led by the Holy Spirit to call William F. Snorgrass as their Pastor. December 17, 1989, he was installed as Pastor and served in that position for thirty three years until his passing.

During his tenure, he served in a many roles in and outside of the church. Pastor Snorgrass served as President of New Era Missionary Baptist District Congress of Christian Education and was the former President of the Jackson County Board of One Church One Child Adoption Program. He also served as Recording Executive Secretary and Moderator for the New Era District Association. He instructed many classes within both District and State Congress of Christian Education. He served as Vice President at large for the Missionary Baptist State Convention and served in the Baptist Minister's

Union of Kansas City.

Pastor Snorgrass was employed at Honeywell, formerly known as Bendix, for fourteen years prior to becoming full time Pastor. During his employment, he was recognized as a Black Pioneer by Honeywell Black Pioneers Association. He had also received an award from the Kansas City Globe as “100 Most Influential Blacks” in Kansas city, Missouri.

Pastor Snorgrass enjoyed and loved spending time with his family. He took initiative to have family night every month. During his pastime, he loved watching Westerns, listening to all genres of music, watching sports (GOOO CHIEFS), spoiling his family, and was very particular about the yard. He enjoyed sitting out on his patio and just meditating. His greatest passion was his “babies”...he LOVED his grandchildren!

Despite his health issues the last several years, Pastor Snorgrass was determined to “not give up...but use what God gave him” the best he could. Even with having to use oxygen while proclaiming the Word, Pastor Snorgrass used every breath he had to praise the Lord and feed his flock. He continued to fight until the Lord chose to let him know it was time to stack up his hymn books and Bible and come to the place which He had prepared for him. On March 29, with his family right by his side, Pastor Snorgrass exhaled his last breath and inhaled the eternal breath of life. He served. He fought and now has the victory!

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of fifty two years, Annetta Snorgrass, two daughters, Tylett Snorgrass-Rentie, Lee’s Summit, MO, Shekina Snorgrass, Raymore, MO, one granddaughter, who he called “Baby-Bear” Tyshionna Snorgrass, Atlanta, GA, two grandson’s, William Tyree Snorgrass, Kansas City, MO, River Rentie, Lee’s Summit, MO, one great-

grandson, Legend Johnson, Atlanta, GA, three sisters, Joyce Foster (Walter) Sedalia, MO, Lois Alleyne (Leslie) Columbia, MO, Donna Walls (Lester) Terry, MS, three brothers, James Snorgrass, Columbia, MO, John Wade Chism (Patricia) of Versailles, MO, Joseph W. Snorgrass (Cheryl), Kansas City, KS, and many other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2023, 11:00am at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. Interment Crown Hill Cemetery, Sedalia, Missouri. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 7, from 10:00am-2:00pm at Progressive Missionary Baptist Church and Saturday, April 8, from 9:00am-11:00am at the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. Services conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolence may be shared on our website. Services will be livestreamed on <https://youtube.com/@dignifieddigitaltvnetwork>

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in memory of Pastor William F. Snorgrass, please visit our floral store.

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ *My soul lives on tribute blanket was purchased for the family of Pastor William F. Snorgrass by Reginald E Miller. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.....As DR. KING said I BELIEVE I READ THAT SOMEWHERE....Reginald E Miller*

Reginald E Miller - May 25, 2023 at 10:49 AM

HU

“He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” Isaiah 25:8-9 KJV To Pastor Miles, Pastor Frazier, and all other Pastors, Members and Friends of God’s Church who are assembled: It was a profound moment of bitter sweetness to learn about the passing of our brother, Pastor William F. Snorgrass. He and his family have faithfully served Progressive Missionary Baptist Church and our community for many years. His work has brought many to gather in God’s Kingdom. Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into your rest. On behalf of the Hudson Family, we say thank you to the Snorgrass Family for faithfully serving in ministry. We prayerfully submit our deepest condolences to Sister Snorgrass, Tylett, Shekina and family, and to our beloved family and friends at Progressive. May God continue to comfort you as you celebrate the home-going of Pastor Snorgrass. May God bless the Snorgrass family for the sacrifices you endured in supporting His ministry. May God allow you to cherish all of the fond memories of your husband, dad, grandfather and brother. May God encourage you knowing that one day, death, our enemy, will be conquered, and all of God’s people will be casting our crowns at our Savior’s feet. Be blessed and comforted. Loving regards, The Hudson’s

Hudson’s - April 08, 2023 at 02:40 PM

RW

“Expressing my deepest sympathy to the Snorgrass family and entire church congregation of Progressive at the loss of your love one and an angel of God. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless, Robert Watkins Jr., Chicago Former member, Progressive Baptist Church

robert watkins - April 08, 2023 at 12:14 PM

DR

“ We are very sorry to hear of cousin William's passing. Our hearts go out to you for your loss . Sending healing prayers and comfort during this very difficult time. Deirdre RowlesPhyllis RowlesCornell R Young III

Deirdre Rowles - April 08, 2023 at 10:20 AM

DB

“ Praying for the entire family and church congregation. I remember when Pastor baptized me, and loved me like I was his own. He is an amazing pastor and he will truly be missed. Love you.

Dominique Boswell - April 07, 2023 at 06:59 PM

OJ

“ To the Rev. William Snorgrass family: We are so sorry to hear about William's passing. Please accept our deepest condolences.Ogden Lacy, Jr., Kimberly, and family

Ogden W. Lacy, Jr - April 06, 2023 at 11:40 PM

BS

“ A candle was lit in remembrance

Berniece Simms - April 05, 2023 at 03:42 PM

BS

“ To: The family of Pastor William F. Snorgrass, as a member of your Progressive Missionary Baptist I would just like to extend my deepest sympathy to Ms. Arnetta and her family. I pray that all of you take comfort in knowing that this man of GOD has passed on to glory. I remember expressing how much he loves his family. During Jordan's passing this man of GOD Eulogized his own son's funeral services. I remember thinking how much courage, character and strength it took for him to be able to convey his message under such circumstances. My heart breaks for the world would benefit from men who love the LORD! GOD'S SPEED PASTOR SNORGRASS!From: Berniece Simms & Family

Berniece Simms - April 05, 2023 at 03:08 PM

KM

“ To the Snorgrass family, know that we are praying for you and your strength in the days to come. One of my fondest memories of Pastor Snorgrass was when he stopped by G.R.A.C.E. Fellowship Church for worship. He came to my office and we talked before the message. He asked me how I was doing, possibly sensing my struggle that day. I shared with him what was troubling me and he shared this statement that I hold to in the challenging moments of ministry. Pastor Snorgrass said to me, "God has not called you to be successful but He has called you to be faithful." This statement has given me strength throughout my ministry. I am forever grateful for those words of encouragement. God Bless!Pastor Kevin McNeil and the G.R.A.C.E. Fellowship family.

Kevin McNeil - April 05, 2023 at 09:39 AM

JR

“ To Annett and all family members sorry to hear about the passing of Pastor Snorgrass we are sending our love and prayers your way. Cousin Jimmie,Ila Lynn and Michelle Redmond.

Jimmie Redmond - April 03, 2023 at 05:35 PM

KJ

“ To the Family of Pastor Snorgrass, so sorry for your loss thinking and prayer for you all... Sending love and peace during this difficult time continue to trust GOD Much love Jim & Kim Eason Jordan ❤️



Kim Eason Jordan - April 02, 2023 at 04:42 PM