

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or pray
I found that place, at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with memories of joy,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
All these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with time of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow,
A loved one's touch, and good times,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
But don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me;
God wanted me, now set me free.*

Pallbearers

Tony Hillard
Marcus Kelly, Jr.
Cornelius Woodard, Jr.

Lamar Coleman
Marcus Smith
Savion Woodard

Flower Bearers

Chyanne Hillard
Kwanchai Woodard
Tionna Hillmon

Marjai Kelly
Brianna Hall
Talayla Hillmon

Interment

Resthaven Cemetery
500 S.W. 104th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Acknowledgment

The family wishes to express our sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. Special thanks to Brookdale and staff and Oklahoma Hospice Services.

Celebrating The Home Going Of Bishop George W. Woodard, Jr.



Sunrise
August 4, 1939

Sunset
July 1, 2019

Services

Tuesday, July 9, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.

Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel

*2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

Pastor Cornelius P. Woodard Sr. - Officiating

Obituary

Bishop George W. Woodard, Jr. was born August 4, 1939, to Mr. George W. Woodard, Sr., and Mrs. Charlie Mae Woodard. He was born in Sumner, GA and raised in Sylvester, GA where he attended Worth County School. He was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost in April, 1961, in Orlando, FL. He met and married Missionary Diane V. Woodard. They have been married for 57 years and blessed with three (3) children, seventeen (17) grandchildren, and eight (8) great grandchildren.

In the 1960's, he served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army and served two years in the Army Reserves. In 2000, Bishop Woodard retired from General Motors with thirty years and six months of employment. He was called to the ministry in 1970, under the leadership of Pastor Nolan Brown, in Warren, Ohio. In December 1978, the Lord directed Minister Woodard to move his family to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where God had a work for him! In the year of 1980, Minister and Missionary George W. Woodard, Jr., and family came to the Garden of Prayer, Church of God in Christ and served faithfully under Pastor Alvin Faine. After the passing of Pastor Faine he was ordained as an Elder July 22, 1989. On July 23, 1989, Elder Woodard was appointed as Pastor of Garden of Prayer COGIC. As Pastor, he was known for the quote, 'Follow me, as I follow Christ', he guided this church with holiness, deity and sincerity. This small congregation continued to grow, and he saw the need for a larger building.

In June 1993, a new building was purchased. On September 1, 1993, a caravan was formed with Pastor George W. Woodard, Jr. and his wife Missionary Diane V. Woodard by his side, leading the congregation to a new facility, located at 4004 Jones Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK, 'COMMUNITY LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST'. The Lord had inspired him to rename the church. This church would be a light to the community and lead the lost to Christ. According to KJV, Matthew 5:14,16. 'GOD HAD GIVEN HIM A 'VISION'! This was the first mortgage. The church was paid off in four years. God gave Bishop Woodard the gift of budgeting and accomplishing goals naturally and spiritually. In 1997, as the Lord continued to elevate Pastor Woodard in the ministry. A second Mortgage Burning ceremony was held for Community Lighthouse Church of the Pentecostal Ministries, Inc. In 1998, Pastor Woodard entered into a Bond Program to build a larger

sanctuary for God's people! In 2002, Pastor Woodard was ordained 'BISHOP'. In August of 2004, Bishop received his first Honorary Doctorate Degree presented by Aspen Christian College in Denver, CO. Then on August 2, 2010, he received his second Honorary Degree from the Christian Ministries, Alliance, Inc. in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 2013, a mortgage burning took place and the church was paid off.

After a long illness Bishop departed this life on Monday, July 1, 2019 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was preceded in death by his parents George W. Woodard, Sr. and Mrs. Charlie Mae Woodard and four sisters, Clara Mae Jones, Vera Lee, Dorothy Moses, and Lois Toles. He leaves to cherish his loving wife Missionary Diane V. Woodard of OKC, OK; three children: Karen D. Osborne (Pierre) of Warren, Ohio, Cornelius P. Woodard Sr. (Latoshia) of Oklahoma City, OK, and Vernita T. Williams (Charles) of McKinney, Texas; 17 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional "The Question Is" by Winans

Invocation

Prayer Emeritus Franklin Hollie

Old Testament Elder Robert Brown

New Testament Elder Pierre Osborne

Obituary (soft music) Read Silently

Resolution Sarah Smith

Reflections Daughters - Karen Osborne & Vernita Williams

Congregational Song

Eulogy Pastor Cornelius P. Woodard, Sr.

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Family Recessional "If I Labor" by Winans