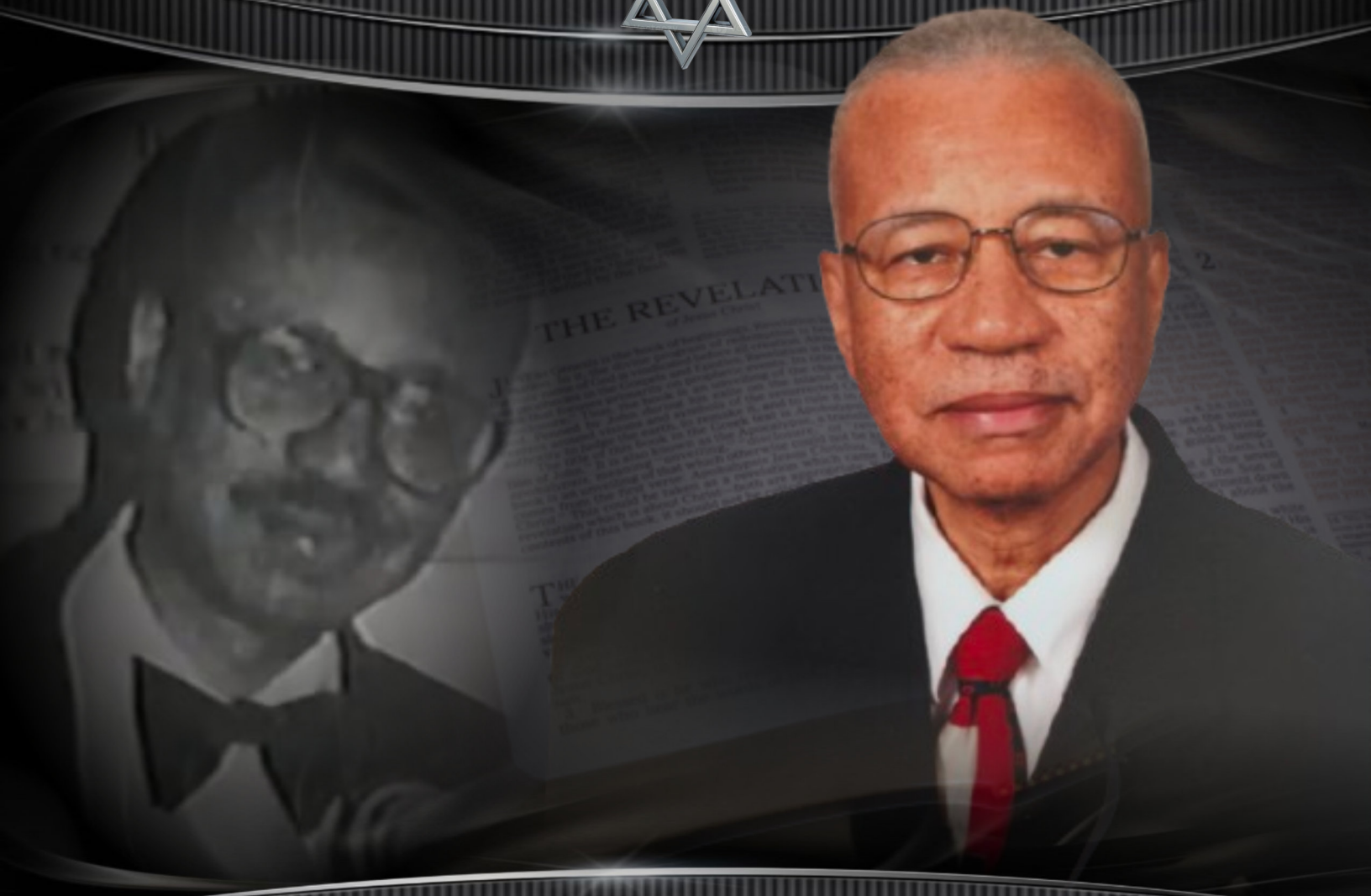
The Pastor The Evangelist The Counselor

Homegoing Celebration for

Pastor Norris H. Coburn, Sr.

First Message
July 26, 1932

Last Message
October 20, 2026



Sunday, November 15, 2026
Service - 1PM

The Cornerstone Seventh Day Adventist Church
138 Pennsylvania Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11207
Chief Evangelist Craig W. Stephens, Sr. - Officiating

Promotion to Glory

Master of Ceremony ..... Chief Evangelist Craig W. Stephens, Sr. Cleveland, Ohio

Vespers

Processional ..... "On That Resurrection Morning"

Church Anthem ..... "I Love Thy Church Oh God"

Prayer ..... St. Matthew 6:9-24

Scripture Reading:
Old Testament - Psalm 39 ..... Evangelist – at – Large John Baskin, Peoria, Illinois

Selection ..... "And, I Saw Another Sign in Heaven"

Scripture Reading:
New Testament - 1st Corinthians 15:41-58 Rabbi, Evangelist – at – Large Samuel C. Wade, Hyattsville, Md

The Crown, The Victory The Triumph. Clinton Coburn, Founder Of The Gospel Mcs. Brooklyn, New York

Selection/Solo ..... Chorister, St. Michelle McQueen Brooklyn, New York

Clergy Remarks ..... (2 minutes each)

Selection ..... "Hear, Oh Isreal"

Acknowledgements/Condolences ..... St. Sharonda Talyor, Newark, NJ

Special Reading ..... St. Michelle Chambers, Brooklyn, NY

Selection ..... "How Beautiful Art Thou"

Resolutions ..... Grand Usher St. Samantha C. Small, New Haven, Ct

Selection ..... "Sing and Rejoice Oh Jerusalem"

Special Remarks ..... Special Captain, St. Cheryl Davis, Brooklyn, NY

My Father's House ..... Open mic for all - 2 Mins please

Obituary ..... Ms. Jazmine McDonald, Niece of Evangelist Coburn

Selection ..... "Remember the Sabbath Day" composition of Counselor Evangelist Norris Coburn, Sr.

Eulogy/Eulogist ..... Chief Executive Officer, Bishop Robert D. Grant, Sr. Cleveland, Ohio

Choir March

Obituary

Counselor, Evangelist Norris H. Coburn, Sr. was born on July 26, 1932, in Elizabeth, New Jersey to Clinton and Violet Coburn. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church until the age of 11 and was introduced to the Church of God and Saints of Christ at that same age. Evangelist Coburn was a continuous member of the Church of God and Saints of Christ, 83 years, until the time of his passing on Tuesday, October 20, 2026. He was the pastor of Tabernacle number one in Brooklyn, New York for 61 years.

In 1949, at the age of 17, Norris graduated from Central Commercial High School with honorable mention and certificates in Mathematics. After high school, he worked at the Modern Industrial Bank, which became Chemical Bank. Norris worked for the City of New York in a variety of positions; seasonally at the Department of Parks, the Department of Real Estate where he progressed from typist to Principal Administrative Associate 2. With a will to continue learning, he graduated from Brooklyn College in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.

In 1962, he married the love of his life, Patricia Parran, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and they settled in Brooklyn, New York. To this union, two sons were born, Norris Coburn, Jr. and Clinton F. Coburn.

Elder Coburn's pastor, the late Chief Evangelist Walter Brooks, taught him almost everything he knew about the Church of God and Saints of Christ. From Chief Brooks, Evangelist Coburn learned the bible, the Seven Keys, the Constitution of the church, the church's history and the Hebrew language.

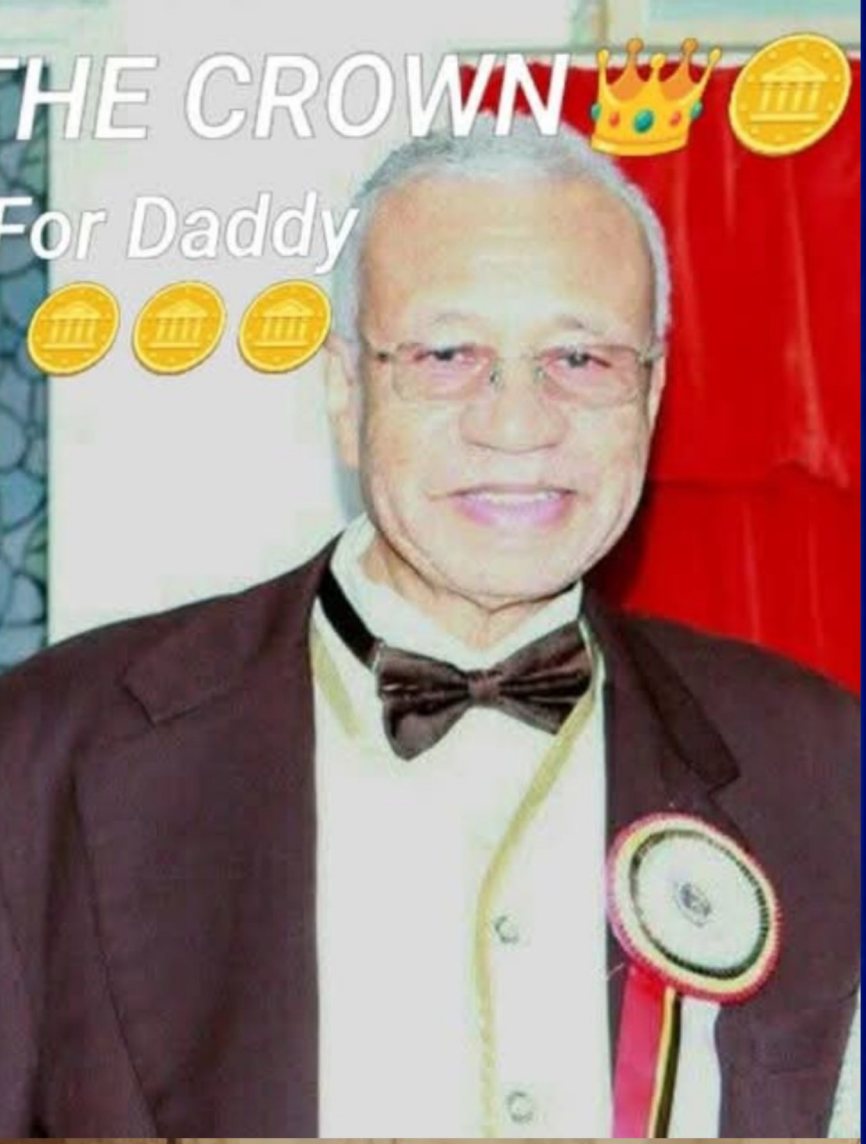
Brother Coburn acted as Deacon at the age of 11, filled in as shepherd boy and could be found serving others wherever needed. In 1949, he was ordained a deacon at 17 years old. The following year, 1950, at just 18 years old, he was elevated and ordained an Elder – one of the youngest ministers in the history of the church. In 1951, Elder Coburn became a graduate of the Seven Keys. From 1960 to 1961, he served on the Communication and Grievance Committee under the late Chairman of the Presbytery Board, Chief Evangelist John Grant. During this time, Elder Coburn's pastor was Elder Nathaniel Taylor of Brooklyn, NY. In 1965, Elder Coburn was made pastor of the church in Brooklyn by Bishop John W. Dickerson and remained pastor until his passing.

In the 1980's, he soared! The then Elder Coburn was named Man of the Year twice for his work in the ministry and, in 1981, he was appointed to the Presbytery Board by Bishop James R. Grant. During this time, he also worked on various committees in the church. In 1982, he was appointed Evangelist at the Passover of 1982 in Peoria, Illinois. After the passing of Evangelist James Grant in 1991, Evangelist Coburn was appointed Assistant General Secretary of the Presbytery Board. He was then elevated to General Secretary in 1995. The current Chief Executive Officer, Bishop Robert D. Grant, elevated him to his current position of Counselor of the Church of God and Saints of Christ in 2006. A position he held for 26 years, until his passing.

Evangelist Coburn served under several different leaders; Bishop James M. Grove, Bishop Isaiah Wilson, Bishop John W. Dickerson, Bishop James R. Grant and Bishop Robert D. Grant, Sr. This technically, makes Evangelist Coburn one of, if not, the longest standing ministers in Church of God and Saints of Christ history.

Counselor Evangelist Norris H. Coburn, Sr. was preceded in death by his parents, Clinton and Violet Coburn and his siblings Delores White, Byron Coburn, Eric Coburn, Gwendolyn Coburn and Lawrence Coburn. He leaves to mourn their loss, his loving wife Patricia Parran Coburn of 64 years, his oldest son, Norris Coburn, Jr., his youngest son, Clinton F. Coburn, who acted as his caregiver until his passing, one daughter in law, Sandra Coburn, his granddaughter, Sarah Coburn, one sister Valerie McDonald and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Counselor Evangelist Norris H. Coburn, Sr. lived a long life of service to the Church of God and Saints of Christ, his family and to God. He preached the word of God and he lived it!! Well done Counselor, well done!!



Pastor Evangelist Norris Coburn

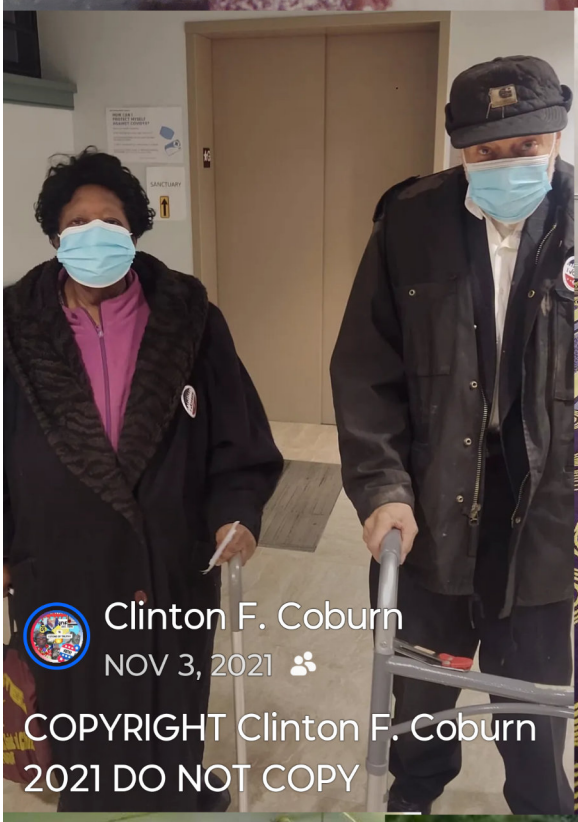
















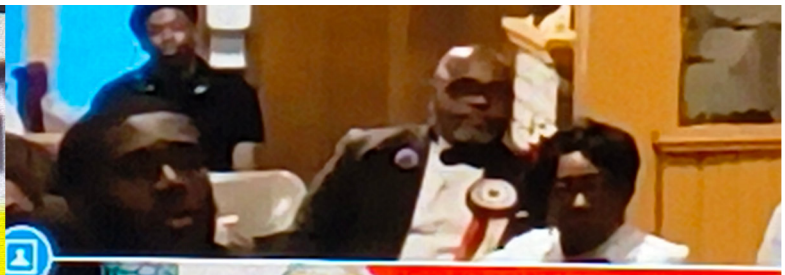
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The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

Pallbearers:

Sabbath School Superintendent. St. Clinton F. Coburn, Brooklyn, NY

Elder Norris Coburn, Jr., Brooklyn, NY

St. London Dorsey-Heard, Pittsburgh, Pa

Chor. St. Fitzroy Marsh, Stratford, Ct.

St. Martin Davis, Brooklyn, NY

Elder Vaughn Allen, Stratford, Ct

St. Patrick Wint, Stratford, Ct

Interment:

Monday, November 16, 2026

Meet at Lawrence H. Woodward Funeral Home, Inc

1 Troy Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11213

9:15AM

Final Resting Place:

Cypress Hills National Cemetery

626 Jamaica Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11208

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