

# Celebration of Life of Deacon Joseph Moody

**Sunrise**  
April 22, 1927

**Sunset**  
September 3, 2015



Saturday, September 12, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

**GREATER BIBLEWAY CHURCH**

20 Southard Street

Paterson, New Jersey 07801

**Apostle Franklin Pettiford, Pastor**

# Reflections of Life

Deacon Joseph Moody, one of 10 children born to the late John Oscar and Josephine (Patterson) Moody, was born April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1927 in Ellenton Township, SC.

Deacon Moody received his elementary education in the Ellenton School system. He began to work full time at an early age. When he was 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and completed several tours of duty, including fighting in the Korean War. After completing his time in the army, he traveled the east coast holding various jobs before settling in New Jersey. He began working for Marcal Paper Mills of Elmwood Park, and was employed there for 38 years before retiring.

In 1962, Joseph was searching for something more for his life; as he searched he came across this lively, enthusiastic and spirit-filled church located at 12 Governor Street in Paterson. After attending that initial service he saw his life change. His search was over, and it was at the Bible Way Church under the leadership of Bishop R.N. Jones that he committed his life to God and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost shortly thereafter. Deacon Moody was committed to serve. He was faithful to the ministry working in various capacities from driver to Sunday School Superintendent.

It was at the Bible Way Church where Deacon Moody would meet Gloria Harris. Not long after Deacon Moody and Gloria would be married. To this union came Jason, Logan, Jonathan who were affectionately known as "MY THREE SONS."

Deacon Moody thought it was necessary for his sons to have an educated father; while he always had the mind to finish school he never got around to it. After the birth of his first born son, he enrolled in the G.E.D. night school program at Paterson's Kennedy High School. After obtaining his G.E.D., Deacon Moody decided to further his education. He attended William Paterson University, obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Sociology at the age of 69. But wait, he didn't stop there! Deacon Moody signed up to take master's level courses from the R.N. Jones Ministerial Training Institute, receiving a Master's Degree in Biblical Counseling. Deacon Moody also went through several certificate programs at local seminaries to advance his education.

Deacon Moody was faithful to the call of God on his life and served the ministry with no complaints. He faithfully served the Greater Bible Way Church under the leadership of both, Apostle Franklin Pettiford and the late Bishop R.N. Jones. Deacon Moody served as driver for Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and various outgoing church appointments. He also served in the capacity of church custodian, Chairman of the Deacons Board, Sunday School Superintendent, Teacher for R.N. Jones Ministerial Training Institute and Church Trustee. Deacon Moody worked tirelessly at the local, District, Diocese and National levels within the Bible Way Churches, World Wide, Inc., now known as the International Bible Way Church, Inc.

Deacon Moody enjoyed reading, stimulating conversations, traveling and watching basketball. On a professional level his favorite basketball teams were the Chicago Bulls and the Brooklyn (formally the New Jersey) Nets. He attended many of the local basketball games supporting all three of his sons' sporting events. For several years, he was the driver for the nationally ranked Paterson Catholic Cougars Basketball Program. Deacon Moody was a family man, a man of the community and a man who was loved by many.

Deacon Moody lived a full life that was slowed down by illness in his later years. However, his spirit was just as lively as a 21 year old. He enjoyed mentoring, teaching and helping God's people both saved and unsaved, through life's many phases and circumstances. To quote John 21:25, Deacon Moody did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

Deacon Moody leaves to celebrate his life a devoted wife of 39 years, Gloria Jean; three sons, Jason, Logan and Jonathan; three daughters-in-love: Shakila, Porsha and Chardae; six grandchildren, Priya Sinaa, Dylan Aarik, Deacon Aaron, Nicholas Scott, Logan John and Connor Joseph; one brother, Daniel (Jessie) Moody; five brothers-in-law, Sam (Diane) Harris, Sherman (Valerie) Harris, Alvin (Deidre) Savage, Lee (Brenda) Savage and Warren (Deborah) Savage; three sisters-in-law, Mary Wade, Alice Savage and Diane Savage; four special nieces and nephews, Jennings Moody, Joseph Wilborne, Betty Barnes and Caldonia Gaynor; three goddaughters, Joretta Elam, MiShynn Squire and Ciara Wade; one Godson, Avery L. Moses Sr.; the Greater Bible Way Church family, the International Bible Way Church family; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

# Order of Service

Praise and Worship .....Mietta Stancil-Farrar

Worship Leader .....Overseer Roderick Allen

Invocation/Prayer.....Elder Stacy Waller

## Scripture

Old Testament.....Elder James Herron Jr.

New Testament.....Deacon Anthony Smith

Prayer of Comfort .....Elder Gale Richardson

Musical Selection.....Greater Bible Way/ Family & Friends

## Remarks & Reflection

Bishop James Herron – Good Shepherd Church of Christ

Elder James Williams – Cornerstone Church of Christ

Pastor Lydia Staton – Faith Temple

Pastor Mike Odom – Whole Life Community Church

Musical Selection .....Greater Bible Way/ Family & Friends

## Remarks & Reflection

Missionary Gwen Prince – Sunday School Supt.

Mother Annie Pettiford – Church Mother & 1<sup>st</sup> Lady

Elder Dean Mallory – Friend and Mentee

## Family Tribute

Grandchildren – Priya, Dylan & Deacon

Daughters-in-Love – Shakila, Porsha & Chardae

Sons – Jason, Logan & Jonathan

Acknowledgments & Obituary Reading .....Min. Patrick & Elder Cherie Brown

Musical Selection.....Greater Bible Way/ Family & Friends

Eulogy ..... Apostle Franklin Pettiford,  
Pastor Greater Bible Way Church

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## Acknowledgement

We, the Moody family, extend sincere thanks and gratitude to you for every expression and act of kindness during our time of sorrow. Your love and support during this time has given us strength and we are greatly appreciative. May God bless you for all that you have done.

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