

Home-Going Celebration



Rapture Ready

Deacon John Allen Reed

Sunrise
February 6, 1940

Sunset
November 15, 2017

Service

Saturday, November 25, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

GLORIOUS TEMPLE DELIVERANCE CENTER COGIC

Bishop Willie G. Robinson
Rev. Dr. Bernard Taylor, Officiating
Open Door COGIC

Obituary

John Allen Reed, born February 6, 1940 on a farm in Scott, Mississippi, among the twenty children of George Reed, seven with his first wife Mary and thirteen by his second wife Geneva Gibson Reed, who passed in 1946 when John was six years of age. About 1942, George and his large family moved from Mississippi to Tennessee where John graduated from Barret's High School with honors. He was on the student council and an active participant in Barrett's public speaking contest which he won. He won prizes as the best speller in the Shelby County Country School system, won prizes for the radio current events quizzes, was in athletics, such as on the basketball team, and participated in boxing, and soft ball, as well as president of the class. After knocking out another student in school while boxing, John felt so guilty that afterwards he ended his interest in pugilism. A variety of certificates accompanied his educational experiences at Barret's Chapel High School in Arlington, Tennessee. He never allowed these accomplishments to make him proud.

Racism and poverty prevailed throughout the south during those days, prior to the civil rights era. He grew up on the farm in Tennessee. John graduated from Barret's Chapel High as salutatorian in 1959 and came to New York to attend City College in NY.

As an example of unselfishness and responsibility, after leaving Tennessee upon finishing high school, shortly thereafter his father died in Tennessee, leaving John's four sisters. Although John was dedicated to finishing his education, he left his job, dropped out of school, and returned to Tennessee, at age nineteen, remained with his four sisters until school was out (Jan about June 1960) and brought them all to New York to take care of them.

John graduated from City College of the City University of New York with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology after attending ten years of night school, followed by a master's degree in sociology from Queens College and received also a Master of Social Work degree in Administration from Hunter College School of Social Work. He became a licensed social worker in New York (LMSW)

Having first worked as a salesman for International Paper Company, John resigned and became a drug counselor, expressing his concern for suffering persons and to apply his knowledge of social and psychological training. He quit that job and worked for the Lower East Side Service Center where he was the administrator of the program's three methadone clinics. After about seven years, John transferred to Downstate Medical Center and Kings County Hospital where he was administrator for twenty-four years, in charge of the Hospital's largest methadone clinic from which he retired in 2005.

While working at Downstate Medical Center (Kings County Hospital), he was awarded a \$3,000 reward for excellence in Albany, NY. John initiated special projects in the program which enhanced the program's effectiveness and support of progress for the patients, for which he received recognition. He started at Kings County Hospital a "Staying Out" group, for parolees, taught drug education, and ran an Aids Group for infected patients, all not his duty but part of his concern for helping those who were suffering. He was a strict follower of rules and protocol.

John was not raised in the church but while very young, he had a strong urge to abstain from wrong doing to the extent that it was thought he was always saved. At age nineteen, during his last year in high school, while in Tennessee, he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at Tipton Church of God in Christ, under Pastor P.B. Rankin. Even while young, John spoke powerfully in tongues and was a highly impressive young sanctified person with continuous evidence of living a holy life as observed by his family. John consistently followed a strict doctrine of holiness and commitment to fasting and praying, having stated that he had completed a number of five days and night prayers with prayers up to eight hours in one day. He despised ungodliness and had a special love for small children and old, poor people. While a volunteer for the Health Insurance Program for about eight years, he found an old Jewish ex-police officer in the hospital and took care of him by taking him to get groceries, visiting him while he was in the nursing home, and finally managing all of his final affairs. He was like a "brother" to this old man who had no children and was a widow. He depended on John to take him shopping, throwing out his garbage, and performing other tasks to make his life easier. This is not the only old widowed, poor person that John helped by visiting, shopping for him, and helping him in other ways. John constantly gave money to poor people. He went by a shelter and called them over and gave them money in envelopes without saying much to them. He just wanted to help them.

He testified to his visions and dreams which indicated an experience of the rapture and the Lord telling him, "You will go, but not now" and being shown the lake of fire with being informed that "This will never be your place". Upon reaching New York, as usual with his commitment to the holiness doctrine of the Church of God in Christ, John joined Bishop Broady's church in Harlem, after which he moved to Brooklyn from the Bronx and joined Bishop Frank Cook's church, Holy Trinity Church of God In Christ where he served for thirty-eight years. He was elected to the trustee board. He was "Man of the Year" in 1981, based on his contributions to the church. He was on the Deacon's Board, taught Sunday school, Bible Study, and was co-leader of the Children's Institute, teaching small children. He also consistently brought handicapped persons to church both in Access-A-Ride and in his personal automobile. He was a deacon since about 1961.

In January 2001, John joined New Open Door Church of God in Christ where he serviced as a teacher for the deacons' and new members' class, leadership class, Bible study on Friday nights, and Bible exposition on Thursdays at Chat and Chew, the full Thursday service. In January 2013, he was appointed Chairman of the Deacon Board of New Open Door Church of God In Christ by the new Pastor, Elder Bernard Taylor, who saw Elder Taylor as a nephew and who consistently supported him. He was on the Pastor's Aid Committee and performed other duties for the church. He almost never missed any regular church service, and consistently accompanied the pastor when the church went to other churches. His strict doctrine of holiness included the consistent principle that a person can stop sinning. He stated that he had stopped all sins. He never backslid after receiving the Holy Ghost, to which he testified for fifty-four years. He testified that he was "rapture ready" and "wanted Jesus to come." The number of night visions and dreams testify to his experience and sanctified life of holiness. He was married to one wife for over fifty years. He had been praying to the Lord after he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost for guidance to the person he should marry, and he stated that one night God gave him a night vision. The Lord showed him the face of Florine Robinson in the sky, in answer to his prayer "Lord, who should I marry?" He was obedient to pastoral leadership.

In support of leadership, John paid tithes and gave liberal offerings and made substantial other donations to the church without their being announced publicly... He also gave money to other charity organizations such as International Fellowship of Christians and Jew, Smile Train and others.

John loved the New Open Door Church of God In Christ and saw it as a model of righteousness under the leadership of Pastor Jerry V. Burns. He was very happy to be a member at this church and rejoiced in the goodness of God in the service with shouts and dancing in glorifying God. It was important to him that Pastor Burns was a preacher who modeled shouting and praising God which helped John do the same.

He loved family and researched and found many relatives that family members had not known existed and contacted them, verifying their relationship and sent money to some of them for their birthdays, etc. older family members received money from John periodically which made them happy.

He leaves to mourn his wife Florine Reed, their four children Dr. Paul A. Reed (Luci) of McDonough, GA, Bishop Robert Reed (Oceanette) of Conley GA; Dr. John D. Reed (LaTonya) of Atlanta GA, Minister Cynthia Reed of Lawrenceville, GA; eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren, whom he greatly loved. Brothers: Americus Reed of Georgia, (Gloria), George Reed of California, sisters: Florence Reed Long of California, Evangelist Gwendolyn Reed Robinson (Bishop Willie G. Robinson), Queens, Shamrock Burgos of Sewanee, Georgia, Mary Randolph of Los Angeles, Bernice Hall of Queens and a very large host of nieces, nephews, and cousins scattered across the United States of the Hart's Reeds (Reads) Calvins, Gibsons, Flaggs and Evans. He occasionally informed people of his family's Famous members such as Tina Turner (Anna Mae Bullock), Rev. Clay Evans of Chicago, Nann Branch (Alex Haley's first wife) and the blues singer James Mathias Reed (Jimmy Reed). Included in his family through marriage and blood are about twenty-six preachers.

John was informed by God that he had cancer on March 15, 2007 but kept it a secret. He said during the vision of this dramatic revelation at night, he told God that he did not want to be healed. He said he told the Lord also "If you are going to be with me, show me Your soul". He said the sky became filled with a symbol which looked like a dark circular object, behind which was light. He said upon getting this answer confirming God's promise to be with him, he fainted, observing the glorious sight and was unable to move. This experience resulted in John's position that no one needed to worry about his experience as he knew that God was with Him. And he would clearly want all to know the following:

"I am going to be resurrected in a glorified body and if I do not die, I will be raptured in a glorified body, so there is no need for anyone to be concerned about my situation. God is my Father and I am in perfect comfort. See you later"!!!!

Order of Service

Processional BISHOP WILLIE G. ROBINSON

Officiant REV. DR. BERNARD TAYLOR

Prayer of Comfort BISHOP WILLIE G. ROBINSON

Scripture

Old Testament ELDER ERNEST ROBINSON

New Testament ELDER EARL JONES

Selection.....Open Door Sounds

Expressions 2MINS

Selection Open Door Sounds

Remarks..... 2MIN

Cards, Condolences, and The Obituary

Solo “GOING UP YONDER” MINISTER CYNTHIA REED

EulogyDR. PAUL A REED

•BISHOP ROBERT D REED

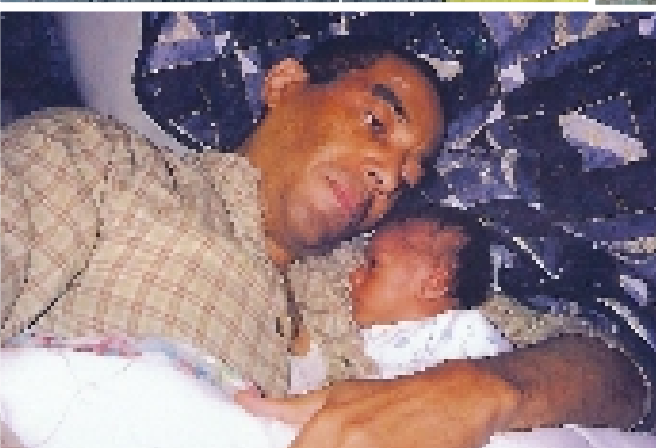
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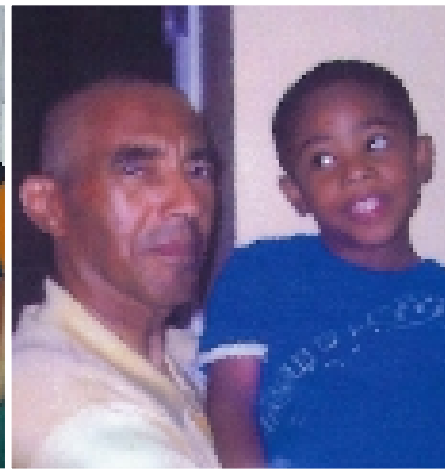
•MINISTER CYNTHIA REED

Recessional

Interment

Forest Green Cemetery
Morganville, New Jersey





My Testimony

Deacon John Allen Reed

Even with all the wonderful blessings of the Lord on my life and the wonderful marriage He gave me with my wife and my blessed children, children of the Lord, I still wanted to be with the Lord, to allow this life to end. The multitude of wickedness and atheism and the crimes against the Holy Spirit continued to inspire me to pray for the Lord to come for His people. Once the Lord showed me a night vision during which I was walking in this world, upset over the evils I was seeing, and got lost. Suddenly, a supernatural vehicle with two spiritual beings came and took me where I needed to go. I was still upset, knowing in this wicked world, I needed angels to take me where I needed to go. Then, while I had been ready for the rapture for many years, I started to praying. Suddenly God came on the scene with his awesome, overwhelming presence and I began to plead with him “Oh God, come take your people, Oh, God come take away your people” and as I prayed this prayer, the Lord gave me so much attention that it seemed that He had nothing else to do but listen to my prayer. I wanted to leave this wicked world. His presence totally overwhelmed me. He performed with inspiration and anointing which clearly, strongly and overwhelmingly indicated to me “That is what I want you to pray for!!! That is what I want you to pray for!!! That is what I want you to pray for!!!” It was totally overwhelming.

After this, I began to go on many consecrations praying for the rapture continually. I felt that along with other experiences where He showed me in heaven, and showed me the rapture and let me know I would go, and showed me another vision at night when Jesus and I walked off the earth into the sky, before which Jesus indicated to me that he found no fault in me, and another time the Lord came in the sky and by His power, brought me up in the air, out of my bed. I know he was continually telling me that I would be raptured. I knew that it was impossible for me to go to hell. He once showed me the lake of fire and let me know “This will never be your place.” Therefore, I continued to live for him, love Him and obey him and helped others with love, studied His Word and obeyed His commandments, being constantly ready to die or be raptured whenever He desired to take me. If you read this and I’m gone, it is the event I wanted. Don’t weep for me. I am glad to rise from the grave and have a body like Jesus’, which cannot happen unless I die. See you later, brothers and sisters, see you later.

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Deacon John Allen Reed wishes to express our sincerest appreciation for the acts of kindness, prayers and support you have given our family and your condolences during our grief. May the Lord ever bless you for your love.

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