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Homegoing Service For



Alpha
September 4, 1932

Omega
February 17, 2020

Apostle

Franklin R. Pettiford, Sr.

Service

Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

Christ Temple Baptist Church

38 Hopper Street • Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Weldon McWilliams, IV, Pastor



Life Story of
His Grace, Apostle
Franklin Delano Roosevelt Pettiford, Sr.

Apostle Franklin Delano Roosevelt Pettiford achieved many accomplishments in his life, and all the Glory and Honor belong to God. Born September 4, 1932 in Fitzgerald, Georgia, he came to Jersey City, New Jersey at a young age, receiving his education in the public schools there. On January 12, 1951 he united in holy matrimony with the former Annie R. Washington, and they became parents to four children: Franklin, Jr. (deceased), Charles, James, and Pamela.

Apostle Pettiford was the CEO and proprietor of Pettiford's Fish Market in Jersey City, New Jersey. He was also a certified boiler operator in the Englewood Public School system. He was a licensed barber in Jersey City, New Jersey where he would cut all the boys hair at the Cornerstone Church of Christ. He also served as a Notary Public. He was the founder and owner of Frank's Maintenance Floor Finishing Company.

On March 25, 1956, Apostle Pettiford was baptized in Jesus' Name and received the Holy Ghost at Refuge Church, 35 Kearny Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey under the pastorate of Elder Grady Dale. The first office he held was the Prayer Band President. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed as a Junior Deacon, and later became Young People's President. In 1957, God called him into the preaching ministry.

In September 1961, Apostle Pettiford came to the Bible Way Church in Paterson, New Jersey to assist the pastor, the late Bishop Robert Norman Jones, Sr. In 1963, he was ordained to the office of Elder, and in 1965, he was installed as Assistant Pastor of the church. On Sunday, December 9, 1973, Elder Pettiford was installed as Pastor of Bible Way Church by Bishop Winfield A. Showell (dec), with Bishop Jones present. With the new mantle on his life, he then enrolled in the Manhattan Bible Institute and received Certificates for Evangelism, General Bible, Teachers' Training, and post-graduate studies. Later, he enrolled in the American Bible College, and received Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees.

In March of 1979, the Lord blessed Apostle Pettiford to lead the congregation from Governor Street to a larger worship center (and the church's current location), located at 20 Southard Street with a seating capacity of 500. At that time, the name of the church became Greater Bible Way. In 1982, Apostle Pettiford opened the R.N. Jones Bible Institute, where he served as president. He also served seven years as the Northern New Jersey District Elder of BWWW after the passing of District Elder Reginald Ford in 1979.

In 1983, the late Apostle Smallwood E. Williams, Chief Prelate of the Bible Way Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, World Wide, Inc. appointed then-District Elder Pettiford as the Diocesan Overseer of Jamaica, West Indies, where he served for almost 15 years. In 1985, he was consecrated to the Bishopric. In 1987, he was appointed Diocesan Bishop of the State of New Jersey, BWWW. In July 1992, Presiding Prelate Apostle Lawrence G. Campbell appointed then-Bishop Pettiford as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Exhibits, BWWW. On March 16, 1994 during the Bishop's and Worker's Conference, BWWW in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Bishop Pettiford was appointed to the Executive Board of Bishops. On August 11, 1994, Bishop Pettiford received a Doctorate of Philosophy in Christian Education (Ph.D.).

In November 1994, he was appointed to the office of Chairman of the General Board of Bishops, BWWW, by Presiding prelate Apostle Huie L. Rogers.

During his 46-year tenure as Pastor, he has been instrumental in mentoring and developing those in ministry under his leadership. The list includes: Bishop William Cousin, Bishop-Elect Calvin Bey, Elder Anthony Moses (dec.), Bishop James Robinson, Bishop James Wilkerson (dec.), Pastor Kelvin McKinnon, Elder Terence Kitchings, Minister Stace Tisdol, Pastor John Richardson, Bishop Astley McKoy (dec.), Elder Pamela F. Samuels, Dr. Edith McKinnon (dec.), Dr. Jacqueline Coles, Dr. Gloria J. Moody, Pastor Gale C. Richardson, Elder Debra Burgess (dec.), Pastor Linda F. Stancil, Elder Lorraine Lawson, Pastor Jason Moody, Elder Quiana Coley, Elder Josette Boddie, and Elder Avery Moses. Others who went on to develop in ministry beyond their Bible Way membership include: Pastor Allen MacArthur, Pastors Wendell and Kimberly Fleetwood, Minister Stacy Waller, Pastor Eric Wilson and Elder H. Dean Mallory.

In honor of the many achievements and milestones of our Pastor, the Paterson City Council bestowed upon him one of the City's highest honors. On Saturday, December 18, 1999, The Honorable Mayor Martin G. Barnes (Paterson's first African-American Mayor), along with many representatives of the City, County, State and Federal Governments officiated the ceremony officially re-naming Southard Street to "Bishop Franklin Pettiford Plaza". Bishop Pettiford is the first Apostolic minister to receive such an honor in the City of Paterson or in Passaic County.

There have been many other achievements and milestones added to his already-lengthy list. Among the most recent is his being named an Episcopal Bishop in The Bible Way Church, World Wide. At the time, it was a newly established office and Bishop Pettiford was the FIRST to hold this office - truly a trendsetter!! In July 2014, Bishop Pettiford was elevated to the holy office of Apostle in the International Bible Way Church of Jesus Christ, Inc. by then-Presiding Prelate Apostle Floyd E. Nelson (dec.).

In the city of Paterson, he was known and respected by his fellow clergy of various faiths, and was a dedicated member of the Paterson Pastor's Workshop. He was a fixture at one of his favorite eateries, Mr. G's! One of his most distinguished trademarks was his hats! Even without seeing his face, you knew he was in the place! One of his famous lines was, "You need to set your pails out because I see a cloud about the size of a man's hand, and it's going to rain!" This was a sure-fire way to get the church going!

For more than seven decades Apostle Pettiford has dedicated his life to the Lord's service. Truly, his steps have been "Ordered by the Lord!"

Apostle Franklin D. R. Pettiford, Sr. was predeceased by his parents, James and Viola; his step-father, Charles Raines; a son, Franklin "Frankie" Pettiford, Jr. one granddaughter, Sha'Terra Monique Moses; a son-in-law, Elder Anthony "Tony" Moses; siblings: Mayola Brown, Milton Pettiford, Maxine Coleman, Lola George, Ida Mae Johnson and Clara Roberson.

On Monday, Morning February 17, 2020 Apostle Franklin Delano Roosevelt Pettiford, Sr. departed this life and entered eternal rest at the St. Joseph's University Medical Center Paterson, NJ.

He leaves to celebrate his life: his devoted wife of 69 years, Mother Annie R. Pettiford; sons, Charles Wesley (Juanita) of Paterson, James Allen (Diane) of Gastonia, NC; daughter, Elder Pamela Francine Samuels of Clifton, NJ; grandchildren, Rashaan Pettiford, Josetta (Roy) Turner, Shonte' Pettiford, Avery L. Moses, Sr., Quiana (James "Whoop") Coley, Shinita Pettiford, Khaliah and Ahmadre Pettiford; great-grandchildren, Aaliyah, Avery, Jr. and Aaron Moses, Brea, India and Charli Pettiford, Quantavious Franklin Pettiford, and Derrick Turner; three goddaughters, Tina Jones, Dr. Kimberly Fleetwood and Dr. Jacqueline Coles; three godsons, Mark Kee, Kenneth Boddie Jr. and Elder Ricky Graves; one brother, Charlie (Delacey) Pettiford; one special nephew, Deacon Ralph Pettiford; three bonus grandchildren, Deacon Anthony Smith, Pastor Jason Moody, and Elder Brandon Grant; four "Grand Dogs"; The Greater Bible Way Church Family; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

*The International Celebration of Apostolic Translation For
His Grace
Apostle Franklin R. Pettiford, Sr., Ph. D
International Bible Way Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc.*

Officers: Apostle Vincent Greaves
IBW 2nd Vice Presiding Bishop
Bishop James Herron Sr.
New Jersey Diocesan Bishop

Organ Prelude

(* Please stand where indicated.)

The Processional.....The Celebration Choir

Visiting Presiding Prelates
Visiting Bishops
The International Bible Way Executive Board of Bishops & Apostles
The International Bible Way General Board of Bishops
The Pettiford Family

The Sealing of the Bier and Draping of the Pall

***The Opening Hymn**..... “The Waterway”

***The Invocation**.....Apostle John Allen
IBW Board of Apostles

The Ministry of the Word:

The Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 43:1-7Bishop Floyd Nelson Jr.
IBW Gen Board of Bishop

The New Testament Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.....Bishop Roger McKenzie
IBW Gen. Board of Bishops

***The Reading of The Gospel - St. John 14:1-6**..... Bishop Darryl Brown Sr.
IBW Gen. Board of Bishops

Musical Tribute..... The Celebration Choir

Tributes from Civic Leaders: (Two Minutes Please)

Special Remarks: (Two Minutes Please).....Evangelist Shirley Graham
Apostle Paul C. Commodore
Bishop Jethro C. James
Mother Yvonne Nelson

Musical Tribute.....The Celebration Choir

Tributes from the International Bible Way Church of Jesus Christ, Inc.

International Youth and Young Adults Elder Darryl Brown, Jr.
International Women's Fellowship.....Pastor Mary Smith

International Men's Fellowship Elder Keith Ingram
The IBW Jamaica Diocese Bishop Barrington Goldson

Musical Tribute..... Celebration Choir

Episcopal Tributes from the International Bible Way Church of Jesus Christ:

General Board of Bishops..... Bishop John Daniels
Capitol Heights, MD
Executive Board of Bishops..... Apostle Darnell Dixon
Raleigh, NC

Apostolic Tributes:

Bishop Liston Page, Sr.

Presiding Prelate, Greater Highway Deliverance Ministries, Inc.

Apostle Huie L. Rogers

Chief Apostle Bible Way Worldwide, Inc.

Apostle Franklin Cornelius Showell

IBW Former Presider

Senior Apostle Lawrence G. Campbell, Sr.

International Bible Way

Tributes from the Pettiford Family

Reading of Acknowledgments and Resolutions..... Bishop Lyle Dukes
IBW General Secretary

Introduction of Homilist..... Apostle John Grey
IBW 1st Vice Presiding Bishop

Sermonic Selection Pastor Monique Williams

The Message of Hope His Grace, Apostle Willie Rookard
*Chief Apostle & Presiding Prelate
Int'l Bible Way Church of Jesus Christ
Inman, South Carolina*

Benediction

Recessional..... The Celebration Choir

Entombment
Monday, March 2, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.
Fairlawn Cemetery, 22-21 Maple Avenue
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Special Acknowledgements

Dr. Judith Foster	Elder Josette Boddie
Elder Gloria Moody	Elder Jason Moody
Pastor Linda Stancil	Dr. Jeffrey Gold & HVA Medical Staff
James "WhoopStar" Coley Jr.	Dr. Steven Grossman
Lt. Sharon Eason	Pastor Gale Richardson
Mr. and Mrs. Kemper McDowell	Missionary Frances Hyatt
Anthony and Trenace Smith	Carnie P. Bragg, Jr. & Staff
Sis. Dorothy Hicks	Wayne Elliott



The Gift God Gave Me Was You

-Pamela Samuels -

Dad

I will never say goodbye to you, my father,
because I know this is not the end for us to see each other.
You will only be going to a place where there's no pain suffering.
I am happy for you, for you will be with God.

For now we need to go in separate ways.
I remember how your arms would hold me and give me strength.

You were always there to listen, love,
and defend me in everything.

You were my very best friend.

In my triumphs you were always proud.
I'm very grateful and proud to call you my dad.
Here, deep inside my heart you'll always be.

I would give up everything I have
just to hug you one more time.

I remember the last time I held your hand
and how you looked at me in the eyes.

If only I could turn back the time

I would have never let you go.

I felt the world stop and my heart stop
beating when they told me you were gone.

How I wish I were only dreaming,
Just like the rain, tears fell down from
my eyes; I couldn't speak for awhile.

Thank you, Dad,

For always understanding, listening,
caring, and loving me your whole life.

The greatest gift God gave me was YOU...my dad

It's difficult to let you go, but I must.

I must return the gift God gave me.

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