

Pallbearers

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Deacons, Trustees and Members

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Thoughts from Reverend Dr. Leander West



Like a bird, God gave me wings to fly here on earth and do His earthly will. As I lived here, He ordained me to preach, teach and share the Word of God to those that cross my path. With joy in my spirit and Christ in my heart He has allowed me to return like a bird with special wings of an Angel. Do not weep for me, I am safe in His arms.

I love you and will miss you all!



Acknowledgement

The West, Smith and McEachern Families

Thank you for your prayers, donations, and attendance of this homecoming service of Reverend Dr. Leander West. We rest in knowing that your kind words and well wishes to this family will be an everlasting memory to us as we continue to heal from our grief one day at a time.

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Service of The Triumphal Eternal Entry Into

The Heavenly Kingdom

For

Rev. Dr. Leander West



Sunrise July 30, 1954

Sunset January 30, 2022

Monday February 7, 2022

11:00 am

Brookland Baptist Church

1066 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Sr., Pastor



LIFE REFLECTIONS

Reverend Dr. Leander West

Leander West, Jr., son of the late Leander West, Jr. and Mary Pate West, was born on July 30, 1954 in Kinston, North Carolina, on Sunday January 30, 2022 he answered his call for eternal rest at his home in Blythewood, South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his sister Sarah Martin.

He attended the public schools of Lenoir County in Kinston, NC. Upon graduation in 1973, Leander West entered the United States Navy. After serving four years in the Navy, he answered his call into Christian ministry. In receipt of his calling, he attended Lenoir Community College and then transferred to Columbia Bible College in Columbia, South Carolina to further his studies and training. There he received a degree in Biblical Education and was ordained a Minister to preach the gospel.

Reverend Leander West also attended Morris College of Religion, Sumter, South Carolina. In the act of helping fulfill the needs of the sick, Reverend West went on to receive a License Practical Nursing Degree from Midlands Technical College, Columbia, South Carolina. He was employed at Tucker Center and Midlands Regional Center, Columbia, South Carolina where he retired.

Reverend West was called to minister at Jerusalem Branch Baptist Church in Salley, South Carolina and ministered there for 13 years. Under his ministry many souls were saved. The church thrived under his leadership even under diverse circumstances. He assisted in the rebuilding of the church after it was burned down under unusual circumstances.

After many years of services at Jerusalem Branch Baptist Church under the leadership of the Holy Spirit he was lead/called to Mount Zion Baptist Church, Blythewood, South Carolina in June 1990 where he was later installed as the tenth Pastor on October 21, 1990. After 30 years of service at Mount Zion, Pastor West retired in July 2020. On May 2, 2021, Pastor West was conferred the title "Pastor Emeritus" of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

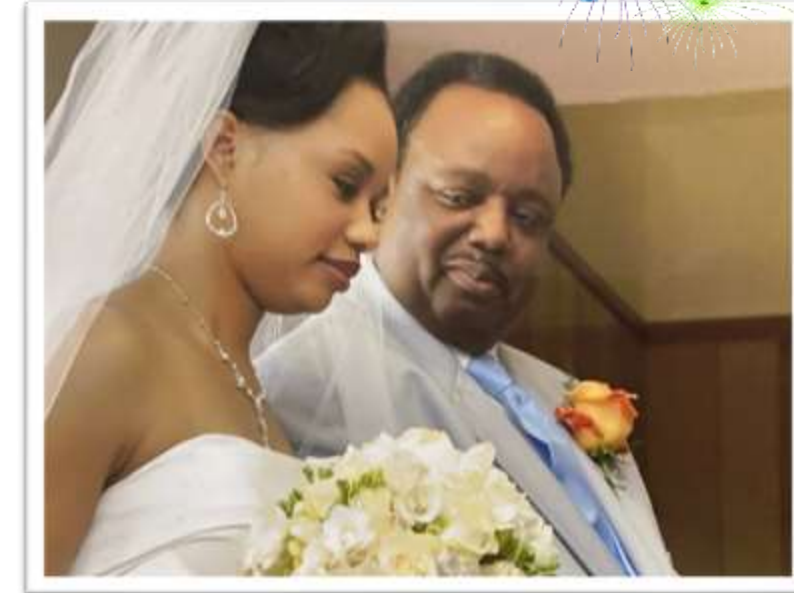
Pastor West's ministry has assisted Mount Zion Baptist Church members and congregation in nurturing its Christian spirituality. Under his leadership, the church has grown. Honorary mentions include: Telephone Services, Weekly Bible Study, Counseling, Water Cooler, Pew and carpet replacements, Church by-laws and constitution, Junior Usher Board, Brotherhood, Youth Department, First Aide Society, Library, Recording System, Drum Set, Bible Display Case, Lectern, Sunday Youth Ministry and Noon Day Bible Study. Pastor West strives on his Christian faith to enhance not only the growth of membership within the church but its Christian spirituality as well.

Reverend West previously served as immediate moderator of the Cedar Branch Association, Wagner-Salley, South Carolina and as president of the Congress of Christian Education of the Gethsemane Baptist Association, Columbia, South Carolina.

He leaves to mourn: The former First Lady, Sister Marilyn McEachern West, Blythewood, South Carolina, Children: Brian (*Marquita*) of Columbia, SC, Bianca (*Marlon*) of Blythewood, SC and Alisha (*Trevon*) Yuma, Arizona, one brother: Isaac West of Kinston, NC, three grandchildren: Joshua, Makenna and Zaida and *one on the way who will be named in his honor*. Three sisters in law: Gloria Rivera, Columbia, SC, Jackie Cheeseboro, Blythewood, SC, Angela (*James*) Groce, Irmo, SC, Three Brothers In law: Charles McEachern (*Cornelia*), Columbia, SC, Kenneth (*Elaine*), Winter Park, Florida, Danny (*Belinda*) McEachern, IV, Blythewood, SC and host of nieces, relatives and friends who will miss him deeply.



MY PRIDE AND JOY!



...and the legacy lives on...

FAMILY, FUN & LAUGHTER



Parents: Leander West, Jr. and Mary Pate West



The Early Years...



Family
Where life begins
&
Love never ends...



Order of Service

Rev. Vincent Rutledge— Officiating
(Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Blythewood, SC)

Prelude.....Rev. Sheldon Wilson
Christ Central Church, Columbia, SC

Processional.....Rev. Vincent Rutledge
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Blythewood, SC

Opening Hymn..... Mt. Zion Mass Choir

Scriptures:

Old Testament (Psalm 23 KJV).....Rev. Timothy Myers
Assistant Pastor – Mt. Zion Baptist Church

New Testament (II Corinthians 5:1; 6-8 KJV).....Rev. Robert Entzminger

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. P. L. Griffin, Jr.
Sanders Creek Baptist Church, Camden, SC

Solo.....Melissa Briggs and Teresa Wise
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Blythewood, SC

Remarks (3 minutes please)

John Ledell - (Co-worker, Friend)

Deacon Larry Green - (Mt. Zion Baptist Church)

Rev. Eddie Davis - (Little Zion Baptist Church)

Church Resolution.....John L. Scott
South Carolina Legislature

Solo.....Sister Jessie Jackson
Gaines Baptist Church, Camden, SC

Words of Comfort...Rev. Eddie Roy Jackson
Retired – Gaines Baptist Church, Camden, SC

Solo - (It is well).....Rev. Gregory B. Cunningham
Progressive Believers Baptist Church, Columbia, SC

Recessional

Postlude

Committal and Benediction

Internment

Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Rd., Columbia, SC



The Love of His Life



Servant of God



~A Letter to My Husband~



God had a plan for us as I prayed for a husband and you prayed for a wife; He brought us together on May 28, 2005 in Holy Matrimony for the rest of our life.

My time spent with you as one in Christ, Pastor/First Lady of Mt. Zion Church; proved to be a blessing as I walked faithfully with you on this earth.

Our journey in our marriage has been the answer to my prayer; to witness a Man of God walk this earth in weather good and fair.

When the storms of life came raging in our life and your health began to decline; I remembered my vow to God to be with you in sickness and in health, to the end of time.

I will always love you and keep you in my heart; and never forget our last words on that day, **"I LOVE YOU"**.

As we have always said from the start.

Mrs. Marilyn West

