



## Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove

May 13, 1938 - February 13, 2026

The sun rose for Alonzo Rayschell Hargrove on May 13, 1938, in Taylor, Tx. He was the third of twelve children born to Nelson Hargrove Sr. and Louise Zachary Hargrove. He took pride in being the third oldest and earned the nick name "Preacher" from his grandmother Daisy Zachary when he was a young child. He was warm, very humorous and had a winsome personality. Alonzo professed a hope in Christ at an early age and united with Swenson Grove Baptist Church in Taylor, Tx under the Pastoral Leadership of the late Rev. Mack Robinson. The family relocated to Manor, Tx where he attended Manor Public Schools and was the valedictorian of his graduating class at Manor Colored High School.

Alonzo moved to Austin, Tx. and united with St. James Baptist Church under the Pastoral Leadership of the late Rev. E.M. Franklin. It was here that he answered the call to preach and proclaimed his first Sermon entitled "What Manner of Man Is This", March 27, 1969. Rev. Hargrove sang with several quartet groups, two of which were The Southern Wonders and The South Coast Jubilees. Being the

studious pupil he was, Rev. Hargrove furthered his education and enrolled in Bishop College's Larry Kirk

Williams Ministers' Institute and Guadalupe Seminary where he earned his Bachelor of Theology

Degree. Rev. Hargrove was called to Pastor his first church, St. Paul Baptist Church in the early 1970s. He

went on to found and plant Mt. Gilead Baptist Church where he pastored for over 40 years until his retirement.

Alonzo had many hobbies and talents. Some of which were golfing, fishing, bowling and being a master

gardener. He loved time with his family and friends where he was always the life of the party. He had

jokes for everyone and no one could deliver a punchline like him. He had two special people that he

loved spending time and vacationing with, his Brother-In-Love and Sister-In-Love David Sr. and Josephine Bunton.

Rev. Hargrove's pride and joy was his Jo, life mate of 61 years and 58 of whom they were married in holy

matrimony. Where you saw one, you always saw the other. They were partners in every aspect of life and ministry.

Rev. Hargrove was preceded in death by his parents Nelson Sr. and Louise Zachary Hargrove, brothers

Arthur Hargrove, Joe Hargrove Sr., Larry Hargrove, Nelson Hargrove Jr., and Leory Hargrove. His sister

Velma L. Hunter. Daughter-In-Love Ileen Hargrove, Father and Mother-In-Love Rev. Henry E. Hill Sr. and

Reonetta Hill. His best friend Pastor W. M. Reed.

Surrounded by his wife, daughters, son-in-love Kenneth and niece Ondreau, Rev. A.R. Hargrove left this

life of labor and entered heavenly reward. Rev. Hargrove leaves to carry on

his legacy, his loving wife

Esther Jo Hargrove, Daughters: Sharon L. Haywood (Kenneth), Shayla

Hargrove. Sons: Reggie Mack

(Barbara), Pastor Rodney Hargrove (Shannan). Grandchildren: Dorian

Holmes, Kennard Haywood,

Kennet Haywood, Alaijah Hargrove, Ki'ya Clay, Marcellus Mack, Joshua

Mack, Nikishia McKinney, Rodney

Hargrove Jr., and 7 Great Grandchildren. Sisters: Dr. Lillie Richardson

(Thomas), Anita Showels (Ray).

Sister-In-Love Margie Hargrove. Brothers: Roy Hargrove, Jerry Hargrove, and

Floyd Hargrove. A host of

nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Rev. Hargrove was known for sharing wisdom through memorable sayings that touched the hearts of

those around him. Among his most cherished quotes are: "I don't meet strangers, I meet people." This

phrase perfectly captured his welcoming spirit and ability to connect with everyone he encountered. He

often reminded his congregation, "Constant review is student glue," emphasizing the importance of

continuous learning and growth. Another favorite, "Nothing becomes dynamic until it becomes

practical," encouraged others to put their knowledge into action and live out their faith in everyday life.

These treasured quotes will forever ring in our ears and remain in our hearts, serving as guiding lights

for generations to come.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **20**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olive Baptist Church  
1800 East 11th Street  
Austin, TX 78702

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Mary DeShay lit a candle in memory of Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove*



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**Mary DeShay** - February 20 at 09:51 AM

ES

“ *E. Slaughter lit a candle in memory of Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove*



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**E. Slaughter** - February 20 at 04:28 AM

JH

“ *Jettie Hill lit a candle in memory of Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove*



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**Jettie Hill** - February 20 at 12:51 AM

TB

“ Great memories of you beating us up on the dominoe table and giving us a detailed explanation on how you done it. I also loved to hear you preach your sermons,you made sure everyone could understand completely. Thank you for the memories!



Timothy Blackwell - February 19 at 06:50 PM



“ I met Pastor Hargrove at The Light house Intercessory Prayer Center a few years ago with my sister in Christ Prophetess Mary Daniels. She introduced him to me. I was talking about my father Samuel Anderson. He told me that we were cousin on my father's side. We are related to the Hargrove ex. It was truly a blessing. He was explaining a scripture in the Bible. I would always tried to be there to hear him preach. God had a powerful anointing on his life. He preached the truth and didn't compromise. A general in the faith that touched many lives. I looked forward to hearing him preach. Because I knew he had a word from God. To the family, praying for your strength, comfort and peace. We will be covering you in prayer.

Doris Sample - February 19 at 03:46 PM

GB

“ Rev. Hargrove was my pastor and played a huge roll in my life. He always taught us the word of God, and baptized my family and I. We love you and you will be truly missed.



Gabriel Bowie - February 19 at 12:17 PM

TF

“ *The Moffett family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove.*



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**The Moffett family** - February 19 at 09:54 AM

PC

“ *Pastor Nathaniel & Sis. Sharon Cannon lit a candle in memory of Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove*



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**Pastor Nathaniel & Sis. Sharon Cannon** - February 18 at 10:01 PM

KH

“ *Kenneth Haywood lit a candle in memory of Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove*



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**Kenneth Haywood** - February 18 at 10:27 AM

CJ

“ *Carolyn Johnson-Spence lit a candle in memory of Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove*



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**Carolyn Johnson-Spence** - February 18 at 09:37 AM

CW

“ Cheryl Sweeney Wade lit a candle in memory of Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove



Cheryl Sweeney Wade - February 18 at 08:30 AM

JC

*Sending my condolences to you and your family.*

June Crenshaw - February 18 at 06:22 PM

GT

“ Georgia Turner lit a candle in memory of Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove



Georgia Turner - February 17 at 12:21 PM

ST

“ Pastor Hargrove was my Pastor since birth since the formation of Mr.Gilead Baptist Church. He dedicated me when I was a baby, baptized me and my children. He was a pivotal figure in my adult years and my whole life. He will be missed dearly and deeply.



Sara Townsend - February 16 at 03:16 PM

TF

“ *The Shelly Hill Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove.*



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**The Shelly Hill Family** - February 16 at 12:01 PM

RH

“ *Raydel & Faye Harris lit a candle in memory of Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove*



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**Raydel & Faye Harris** - February 15 at 10:17 PM

MW

“ *Ms. Wilson lit a candle in memory of Rev Alonzo R. Hargrove*



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**Ms. Wilson** - February 15 at 12:59 PM