



## Dr. Billy Ray Johns

September 12, 1956 - May 24, 2021

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Bishop, Dr. Billy Ray Johns

Bishop, Dr. Billy. Ray Johns was born on September 12, 1956 in Austin, TX to the late Wade Johns, Sr. and Mary Glen Woods. He was one of twelve children. He is survived by three brothers, Wade Johns Jr., Otis Harris, Billy Joe Harris, and three sisters, Beatrice Ware, Louise Cyphers, and Emma Johns. He graduated from Albuquerque High School in Albuquerque New Mexico. He joined the United States Army in October 1976. Bishop Johns received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age; 19 years old to be exact.

On October 1, 1976, Bishop Johns was united in holy matrimony to Leticia Johns. They have six daughters: Felicia Mixon, Mary Johns, Jessica Johns, Melissa Johns, Erika Johns, and Jennifer Johns-Charles. This year they would have celebrated 43 years of marriage.

In 1976, Bishop was a faithful member of God's House Apostolic Church under the pastoralship of Elder Eugene Stewart of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Bishop Johns served at God's House Church from 1975 to 1980 and then moved to Laredo, Texas where he fellowshipped at Central Assembly of God under the pastoralship of Rev. Pat Robinson. He served there until the middle of 1984 and then moved to Austin, Texas. In 1984, Bishop Johns joined Grace

Temple Apostolic Church where he was ordained as a minister and deacon and continued serving until 1987. Bishop Johns was called on a mission to help build churches. Bishop Johns then started a ministry in his home and recruited Dr. Craig High of Fort Worth, Texas to be Pastor of the ministry, which is called Greater Peace Christian Church. Bishop Johns served as a minister and a deacon and the church grew to be a great ministry which is still going on today. Bishop Johns was called to Lifeline Evangelical Ministries under the leadership of Dr. Rebecca Washington-Berry, Chief Apostle/ Presiding Prelate Faith Ministries International Network of Churches, Inc. He served until the Lord called him to pioneer another ministry in 1994 until he retired, which is Greater New Life Christian Church. God has used this ministry to change lives. He was responsible for the singing career of his daughters, "Images of Christ," and their first CD, "You Can Make It." Bishop Johns also has founded two non-profit organizations which are called S.T.A.N.D., which was founded in 1996 and also Koinonia, a Christian fellowship of churches where churches come together for authentic and true fellowship (which is the meaning of Koinonia in Greek "authentic fellowship"). God gave Bishop Johns a vision to bring people to true worship through education, proclamation, and dedication to the work of God. He was ordained as a Bishop on October 2002 under Faith Ministries International Network of Churches. He is listed in Faith Ministries International Network of Churches Incorporation bylaws as one of the First Bishops ordained in the global organization. Bishop Johns received an Honorary "Doctor of Divinity" from Elbon-Solutions College on October 31, 2004.

Bishop Johns leaves to cherish his memories a loving and devoted wife, Leticia Johns; 6 daughters, Felicia Mixon (Byron), Mary Johns, Jessica Johns, Melissa Johns, Erika Johns, and Jennifer Johns-Charles (Bobby), seventeen grandchildren, five great children, 2 brothers, Dennis "Duck" Johns and Michael Johns, 3 sisters, Dorothy Vaughn, Jo Ann Johns, and Janet Johns; and a host of relatives and friends.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help

cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.” – Psalm 121:1-2

# Previous Events

## **PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES**

JUN 1. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Baptist Church  
3417 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Austin, TX 78721

## **Celebration Service**

JUN 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Billy Ray Johns*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *From all of us at St. Edward's University purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Billy Ray Johns.*



**From all of us at St. Edward's University** - May 31, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ *Courtney purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Dr. Billy Ray Johns.*



**Courtney** - May 27, 2021 at 07:00 PM