



Bishop Billy Spivey Sr

July 18, 1939 - November 19, 2018

BISHOP BILLY SIM SPIVEY, SR, answered the Lord's call home on Monday, November 19th 2018 after a courageous 3-year battle with Dementia / Alzheimer's Disease. He was 79.

Born July 18, 1939 in Trinity, Texas, Bishop Spivey was the second oldest child of Pink and Annie Mae English Spivey. He had five siblings: Reverend Jeff Spivey, Sr., Sulphur Springs, TX; Reverend Robert Charles Triggs, Sr., Houston, TX; Barbara Ann Hogan, Waco, TX; JoAnn Spivey, Itasca, TX and Milford Spivey, Houston, TX. Bishop Spivey attended public schools in Corpus Christi ISD and Trinity ISD, graduating from Trinity High School in 1957.

Bishop Spivey would marry the love of his life, Vera Nell Davis of Hills Prairie, Texas on June 1st, 1958, on the steps of her grandmother's front porch in Bastrop County, Texas. Having met in the cotton fields of South Texas, this union of 60+ years would produce 13 children; 7 boys and 6 girls: Mark Anthony Spivey, Sr. (Jullette), Lore Ann Spivey, Billy Sim Spivey, Jr. (Charla), Carla Renea Spivey-Ray, Felissa Gail Spivey-Martin (Marcus), Remanda Rusha Spivey-Bess (Jihad), David Lamont Spivey, Sr., Billie Carlette Spivey (Howard), Eric O'neal Spivey, Michael Barnard Spivey, Sr., (Tiffany), Regina Jenea Spivey-Alao (Oluwasegun), Christopher Dewayne Spivey, Sr., (LaTausha), Darryl Wayne Spivey, Sr. (Brittany), Bishop and Mother Spivey also have 41 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren, several who have served in the United States Military.

In 1962, Minister Robert Townsend of the Bethel Temple Church of our Lord

Jesus Christ went door-to-door “witnessing” to the citizens of the Booker T. Washington Projects in Corpus Christi about baptism in Jesus’ Name and Acts 2:38. When he arrived at 1624 Tanner Street, his meeting with a 23-year old Billy Sim Spivey would result in a life-changing and Kingdom Building experience that would last his entire lifetime.

Under the tutelage and leadership of the late Bishop M.H. Bonds, a young “Minister” Spivey would serve in many church capacities for the next decade while rising to the rank of Elder in COOLJC. In 1972, he would follow God’s command and lay the groundwork for the establishment of the Community Church our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith. In 1974, Bishop Spivey and his family would relocate to Austin, Texas and continue the work of the Lord at 1317 Fort Branch Street in East Austin. There, the church would grow into the Greater Community Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As a part of COOLJC’s Texas Diocese, led by the late Apostle J. P. Steadman, the then titled “Elder Spivey” worked endlessly and tirelessly to promote and enhance the goals of COOLJC alongside his fellow presbyters and church congregations.

He has served as the Vice-President of the National Evangelistic Board, Sergeant at Arms of the International Presbyters Board, Coordinator for the Texas-Oklahoma Diocese and as District Elder of the North Central District for COOLJC. Bishop Spivey received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the University Of St. Louis Commonwealth for his dedication and outstanding work in various fields.

After 21 years in Austin, Elder Spivey would go on to establish the House of Refuge COOLJC in Tampa, Florida in 1995. On August 8, 1996, and after 34 years in the ministry, he proudly received his Bishop’s Credentials from his beloved Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Incorporated. It was the highlight of his pastoral and preaching career. Bishop Spivey had an intense love for the “Altar Call” when he would tarry and pray with persons seeking the precious gift of God’s Holy Spirit. He beckoned the call to evangelism, ministering in revivals throughout the country. His fiery

brand/style of delivering God's Word garnered him the title of the "Texas Tornado" from his closest COOLJC friends. His signature call and response "testimonial service song" was "What kind of Church Is This? A Sanctified Church..."

Bishop Spivey would later "reitre" from pastoral duties after nearly four decades in the ministry and join the Bibleway #1 COOLJC of Augusta, Georgia under the leadership of Apostle Sylvester Norwood in 2007. He and Mother Spivey would later return home to Texas in 2013 after being diagnosed with dementia to be with their children and extended family. While Bishop Spivey remained a member of the Bibleway COOLJC, upon his return to Austin, he worshipped with the Sanctuary of Deliverance Church, under the Leadership of Pastor A. Keith Brown.

Professionally, Bishop Spivey continued his education in programs offered by the United States Department of Labor Trades School in Denver, Colorado, eventually graduating from the A. Phillip Randolph Institute School of Management in New York City, New York. He assisted in writing the policy for the Corpus Christi Police Community Relations Program and served as the President of The Operation Enterprise Voter Education Project. Bishop Spivey also served as the Vice-Chairman of the Legal Aid Society as well as the Regional Director of the National Client Council. Bishop Spivey was actively involved in the political landscape of the 1970's in Corpus Christi. He played an integral role in grassroots community organizations and led civil rights marches throughout Nueces County prior to his move to Austin. In Austin, Bishop Spivey worked for the University of Texas and Child Incorporated. He and Mother Spivey would open "Spivey's Southern Style Restaurant" which delighted patrons with the delectable taste of the "Southern Soul Food Cooking.

Bishop Spivey spent the final 20 years of his professional tenure working in the educational system; 13 years in the Austin Independent School District and 7 years in the Richmond County Independent School District in Augusta,

Georgia. Bishop Spivey was also an avid sports fan. He was a big supporter of high school athletics and could be seen regularly at football games, basketball games, and track meets on local and state levels. He loved his Dallas Cowboys, Texas Longhorns, and Prairie View A&M Panthers. The Bishop is preceded in death by his mother, father and two sisters. He leaves behind his loving wife, Mother Vera Spivey; two brothers; four loving sister-in-laws, Lois Faye Davis, Charles Edith Miller, Beatrice Davis and Alice Triggs; one brother in law, John Earl Davis (Vicki); along with his children; grandchildren, Quincy, Aaron (Daniele), Julius (Tiffany), D'Ette, Jalissa, Tiffany, Austin III (Jeidi), LaTasha (Mike), Billy Sr. (Charmain), Mark Jr. (Felicia), Keisha (Jay), Gary, Ronald (Precious), Alesha, NaTasha, Ursula, Cynthia, Brandon, John, Dominique (Camille), Aramis, Christopher Jr, Tiara, Tikara, Desiree, Imani, Jalen, Israel Jr., Marquisa, Mister, David Jr, Jade, Isaiah, Mike Jr, Khalil, Marcus Jr., J'Kari, Chrislynn, Chrisette, Christopher III, Madison, Fancy and Darryl Jr; great-grandchildren; 2 aunts (Beulah Cook and Lucille Scott) four honorary daughters (Deidre Woodworth, Evelyn Barton, Marcelle Lashley and Mikki Mims Kennedy) and a host of relatives and friends. He will be sorely missed.

Cemetery Details

Clearview Cemetery

Bastrop, TX

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **30**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

King-Tears Mortuary
1300 E 12th St
Austin, TX 78702
(512) 476-9128

Celebration Service

DEC **1**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Bishop Billy Spivey Sr*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *8 files added to the album Memories Album*



A Life Celebration by Franklin - December 08, 2018 at 11:41 PM



“ *Tracey Mulkey lit a candle in memory of Bishop Billy Spivey Sr*



Tracey Mulkey - December 03, 2018 at 01:05 PM

AS

“ *To The Spivey family:
Be encouraged, Jesus will make it alright.
My condolences to you all. Be proud of the
legacy that you witnessed with Bishop.
May he rest in eternal peace.*



Arbra Stiles - December 03, 2018 at 09:13 AM

VP

“ *One of my most favorite people from
childhood. I shall always remember your
infectious smile and hardy laugh. You and
Sister Spivey were the cool people in my life.
May you rest in peace Billy Spivey! My
heartfelt condolences to the family.*



Vicki Hall Perry - December 01, 2018 at 04:43 PM

PW

“ *PATTY WARD lit a candle in memory of
Bishop Billy Spivey Sr*



PATTY WARD - December 01, 2018 at 03:14 PM

LJ

“ *LT. Timothy Williams, USN Japan lit a candle
in memory of Bishop Billy Spivey Sr*



LT. Timothy Williams, USN Japan - December 01, 2018 at 02:59 PM

DS

“ *Dr. TimMarie Williams, Savannah lit a candle in memory of Bishop Billy Spivey Sr*



Dr. TimMarie Williams, Savannah - December 01, 2018 at 02:00 PM

LJ

“ *LT. Timothy Williams, USN Japan lit a candle in memory of Bishop Billy Spivey Sr*



LT. Timothy Williams, USN Japan - December 01, 2018 at 01:58 PM

LF

“ *Lady Maree & the Late Bishop Timothy Wms Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bishop Billy Spivey Sr.*



Lady Maree & the Late Bishop Timothy Wms Family -
November 30, 2018 at 06:41 PM

EW

“ *Bishop Spivey was a strong man dedicated to the principles of his faith and knew how to articulate the Gospel in a way like no other. In any conversation, he made it his goal to ensure that EVERY person knew that Acts 2:38 was of ultimate importance. I will forever remember the time I rode in the van with he and Regina in a "heated discussion" (smile). He was a king, genuine man and father of the Faith. Sleep in peace, mighty man of God.*

*Elder Daniel S. Ward,
Hinsley Temple Church of God in Christ,
Atlanta, Georgia*

Elder Daniel S. Ward - November 30, 2018 at 10:55 AM

DB

“ *To My Early Church Family (has a young boy) (Bethel Temple Church of Our Lord) Corpus Christi Texas 1959-1974-(2018)*

My Heartfelt Condolences and Prayer to my Spivey Family whom I have known for over 45 years. Bishop Billy Spivey was like a pseudo- father to not only me, but Alvin and Ernest. Mark his oldest son, Alvin, Ernest and I were all the same age coming up and we were protected as young boys by Bethel Temple Church members and the community of New Edition to include Bishop Spivey. My greatest fond memory of Bishop Spivey as a young boy was his forever presence smile and his jovial demeanor, I can honestly say as a young boy I never experience any harsh treatment or mean attitude demonstrated toward me from Bishop Spivey, he was a joy from a young boy perspective. He always had a smile on his face. To my Spivey Family especially my pseudo- Mother Vera Spivey and my 2 lifelong and school friends Mark and Lore my prayers are with you and from My Family and me please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during these trying days. We love you.

Dr. James Curtis Bonds (DPA) and Family

Dr. James C. Bonds - November 29, 2018 at 11:31 PM

DF

“ *Dr. James Curtis Bonds & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bishop Billy Spivey Sr.*



Dr. James Curtis Bonds & Family - November 29, 2018 at 07:53 AM

TS

“ *The New Birth Baptist Church Administrative Staff purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bishop Billy Spivey Sr.*



The New Birth Baptist Church Administrative Staff -
November 27, 2018 at 05:22 PM



“ *The Man with a Powerful Voice, Annotined Hands,And A Love for His Family and People will be Deeply miss. Bishop Heart was Pure as Gold for the Lord. To Mother Vera and All of Bishop Children, I know you you feel empty. Bishop is Rejoicing he is absent with that Body and Present with the Lord and is Made New. Bishop Made it Now He see Jesus , Bishop can Sing and Shout the Victory..Dance Bishop in Glory. Love you all from Jonell Hastings.*

Jonell LoveJesus - November 26, 2018 at 04:59 PM

FW

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Billy's passing. I will always appreciate the faith he showed in me in Corpus Christi forty-eight years ago when he asked me to design my first church, the Reverend Parks Temple Church of God in Christ. And he continued to include me in his church building after he moved to Austin and he was instrumental in my return to church. Thank you so much Billy, and Vera, for the Christian love you extended to me. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.*
Fred Worley

FRED WORLEY - November 25, 2018 at 03:38 PM

FW

“ Fred Worley purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Bishop Billy Spivey Sr.



Fred Worley - November 25, 2018 at 09:11 AM