



Rev. Charles William Mays Jr.

September 8, 1947 - December 9, 2016

Pastor Charles William Mays, Jr. was born September 8, 1947, in Taylor, Texas. He is the son of Charles William and Dorothy Clark Mays, Sr., who preceded him in death. He and his brother A.W. Anthony Mays were raised in Round Rock, Texas by their maternal grandmother, the late Ardie Mae Clark.

Pastor Mays accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and was baptized at the Sweet Home Baptist Church in Round Rock, Texas. He was an active member participating in the youth choir, junior deacons and serving as a Sunday School teacher. At the age of 19, Charles became a deacon at Sweet Home.

On March 12, 1965, he united in marriage to Nancy Elizabeth Sterling. To this union, 3 children were born: Charles Dion, Ronda LaFraye, and Charlsie Wyne.

Charles led his family to join Mt. Zion Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Reverend G.V. Clark where his service to the Lord continued and grew stronger. Pastor and Sister Mays co-directed the Youth Ministry at Mt. Zion for over 20 years guiding many young people in their faith walk. He also became Youth Director and later Youth Coordinator for the St. John District Youth Ministry. He has worked in this combined capacity for over 40 years. Pastor Mays continued to teach Sunday School at Mt Zion, where he taught the Men's Sunday School class He has served as the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas campus coordinator for 15 years. He has also conducted bible lessons for the young men at the National Baptist Convention

of America International, Inc. One of his most cherished accomplishment has been to been an instrumental advocate in the organization and continuation of the Austin City-Wide 5th Saturday Youth Prayer Brunch which allows youth the opportunity to witness, share their talents, fellowship and celebrate Jesus. After many years of dedicated work on the deacon board, Pastor Mays accepted his call to the ministry early in 1994 and was ordained later that year under the pastoral leadership of Reverend G. V. Clark. He continued to labor for the Lord at the Mt. Zion church where he served as an associate minister and as the assistant to the pastor.

In June 2000, Pastor Mays being led by God, accepted the call to lead the flock of the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. He stood as the bold leader of a faithful congregation. Pastor Mays preached and taught with conviction, sharing the truth of God's word whenever he had the opportunity. He shared the good news that God's love, His mercy and His grace are free to all who accept. And he implored everyone to celebrate Jesus because it is Sunday Morning!

Pastor Mays leaves to cherish his memory: loving wife, Nancy E. Mays; son, Charles Dion Mays (Dana) of Kyle, Texas; daughters, Ronda LaFraye Jones (Aaron) and Charlsie Wyne Johnson (Eric) all of Austin, and Monika Kay Shaw of Maryland; brothers, A.W. Anthony Mays (Fannie) of Austin, Charles W. "Lucky" Mays and sister, Treycena Mays Brown both of Baltimore, Maryland; grandchildren, Charles Stephen, Tiana, Anissia, Aaronique, Ericka, Eric Jr., Donovan and Danielle; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Cemetery

1300 SAM BASS
Round Rock, TX 78664

Previous Events

Celebration Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2938 E 13th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Charles William Mays Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *I love you Daddy your loving daughter Monika.*

Monika Shaw - December 17, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ *December 12, 2016
Dear Nancy & Mays Family,
Our heart and thoughts go out to you. Praying for your comfort
through this time. As we said to you, we are here and available.
Nancy, you know how to reach us. Love Pastor & Sister Melvin (&
Cora) Wright.*

Cora D. Wright - December 12, 2016 at 08:08 PM



Nancy, Dion, Rhonda, Charlsie, and the entire Mays family - It is with the deepest sorrow that we extend our condolences. The Mays family has always been so kind and supportive of our family. Rev. Charles and Sis. Nancy made a great impact in the life of my children as well as so many others. They cared for them just like they were their own. I shall forever be grateful to them and their children. We pray God's strength, peace and love will keep you now and in the days to come. Our love, thoughts, and prayers are with you - Janis DeGrate-Wilder, Derek Smith, and Barbie Smith

Janis DeGrate-Wilder - December 16, 2016 at 09:03 PM