



## Bishop Lamar Berry

March 4, 1953 - April 2, 2025

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Bishop Danny Lamar Berry, known as “Danny” by his family, was born to Eugene Thomas and Laura Berry in Houston, Texas. The name Danny was later omitted after it was discovered during his primary years that it was accidentally left off his birth certificate. He was raised by his mother, along with 13 siblings, and attended Sam Houston High School. On December 12, 1973, Bishop Lamar Berry enlisted in the United States Army as a data communication terminal specialist. In the spring of 1974, he met Mary Linda Darden in Killeen, Texas, and married her on September 12, 1974. Following their union, Bishop Lamar was deployed to Camp Long, Korea, for 13 months and was awarded the National Defense Service Sharpshooter (Rifle) Medal. In October 1975, Bishop Lamar transitioned to the reserves and moved to Austin, Texas, where

he and Linda built a lifetime of memories. After his discharge in 1978, they had four daughters.

Their first daughter was born prematurely and died shortly after birth. Bishop Lamar was the proud father of LaTinysha, LaMencia, and LaFadrian.

Bishop Lamar Berry an accomplished business owner for over twenty-two years. He founded

Berry's Bright Bunch, a licensed registered family home, with his wife Linda. They were childcare

providers and foster parents to hundreds of children. Bishop Lamar participated in a review

committee for Texas Early Childhood through Work Source Solutions and became a professional

master trainer for licensed registered homes.

Bishop Lamar faithfully served within the following congregations: McKinley Heights

C.O.G.I.C (Pastor R.A. Grant), Live Oak of Austin (Superintendent Leroy Darden), and #1 C.O.G.I.C

(Superintendent R. Davis). He was a dedicated deacon for over twenty-seven years, serving on the

usher board, as a Sunday school teacher, on the finance board, maintenance committee, and as his

pastors' adjutant. One of Bishop Lamar's most prized ministries was marriage enrichment, where

he facilitated numerous classes, seminars, conferences, banquets, and cruises.

In 2013, Bishop Lamar answered a call from the Lord to pastor Rivers of Joy Temple of Worship.

On January 20, 2024, he was appointed as Bishop under Bishop L.A.

Wilkerson, Agape Family of

Churches (AFC). He devoted himself to impacting Caldwell County by

spreading the Good News that  
Jesus loves.

Bishop Lamar Berry was preceded in death by his mother, Laura Berry; his  
father, Eugene

Thomas, Sr.; and siblings, Vennis Dennis, Lloyd Dennis, Paul Berry, Leonard  
Berry, Katherine Berry,

Eugene Thomas, Jr., Queen Berry-Thomas, Vanessa "Peaches" Thomas and  
Timothy Thomas.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Linda Berry, and his  
daughters: LaTinysha

Melton (Oscar "Scottie"), LaMencia Hill (Perry Jr.), LaFadrian Dongo  
(Valentine "Val"), and godson

Paxton Townsend. He is also dearly missed by his siblings: Marcela Berry,  
Eunice Thomas,

and Tom Lee Thomas (Tasha); and his grandchildren: Arianna Austin, Daniel  
Hill, Gabriel Dongo,

Jaela Townsend, Jake Murphy, Janeen Spencer, Naryah Austin, McKenzie  
Dongo, Mercedes

Williams, Oscar Williams, Jr., Payton Townsend, Perry "Lex" Hill, S. Joy  
Austin, Vion

Townsend, and six great-grandchildren. He leaves behind numerous nieces,  
nephews,

cousins, in-laws, and many friends who loved him.

# Cemetery Details

## Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

11463 State Highway 195  
Killeen, TX 76542-4945

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

APR 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration Service

APR 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Austin, TX 78702

## BURIAL

APR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LS

“ I am deeply saddened by the news. My wife, Georgia, and I were reflecting on Lamar today. He was an exemplary individual with a calm demeanor that was truly inspiring. His smile was genuine and heartfelt, truly the best in the world. The last time I spoke with him, he was serving at a church in Lockhart. I informed Georgia today that we should visit his church. May God comfort Linda and the family during this challenging time.

Louis Simms - April 24, 2025 at 09:29 PM

HI

Thank you for sharing

hill - April 28, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



A Life Celebration by Franklin - April 14, 2025 at 02:07 AM

KC

“ *The Berry’s will always hold a special place in our hearts, especially Mr. Berry. He was my daughter’s (Gabby) favorite person. Their lifelong relationship started when she was six weeks old and continued for the 20 short years of her life. He was the person that she always looked up to for guidance and advice. She joked with me that when she brought a boy home, he would have to pass the Mr. Berry test. She loved going to their house and was heartbroken when she graduated but always made sure to check in with them as often as possible. Mr. Berry will definitely be missed in the world. He lived by example and showed the world what a good man he was. I will truly miss him but I know that his legacy will live on in the lives of the people that he has touched in everyday life.*



Kathryn Crabtree - April 12, 2025 at 01:48 PM

ME

Love this

menci - April 13, 2025 at 08:36 PM

WS

“ *I first met Bishop Lamar Berry while he was a deacon at the McKinley Heights COGIC. In meeting him, I also met his lovely wife Linda and their three beautiful daughters (LaTynisha, LaMencia and LaFadrian- my favorite). While watching him, I learned that he was a capable and confident PROTECTOR, PROVIDER and FRIEND.*

William Snowden - April 12, 2025 at 11:03 AM

ME

*Thank you for sharing*

menci - April 13, 2025 at 08:37 PM

CW

“ *Sharing more photos, most of them we found from our wedding where Uncle Lamar brought us so much wisdom and joy. We love you Uncle Lamar.* ”



chelsi wo - April 12, 2025 at 08:42 AM

ME

*These are some great pictures*

menci - April 13, 2025 at 08:38 PM

TF

“ *The Guagliardo Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bishop Lamar Berry.* ”



**The Guagliardo Family** - April 12, 2025 at 03:24 AM

JB

“ As Lamar’s chaplain during the final weeks of his life, I was truly blessed to get to know him. He always had a warm smile on his face and a kind word to share. In many moments, I found him encouraging me just as much—if not more—than I was encouraging him. His strength, faith, and gentle spirit left a lasting impression on me. Lamar is a patient I will never forget. I look forward to the day I’ll see my friend and brother in Christ again in heaven.

Jeremy Ballard - April 12, 2025 at 12:23 AM

ME

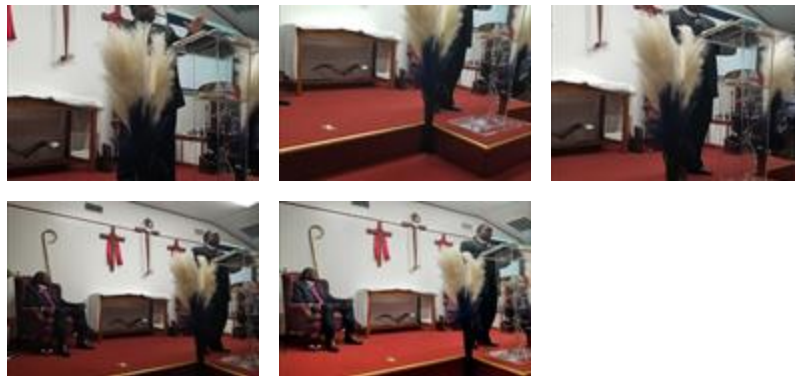
“ Menci lit a candle in memory of Bishop Lamar Berry



menci - April 11, 2025 at 03:49 PM

PB

“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



Pastor Burnett - April 10, 2025 at 11:41 PM

ME



menci - April 11, 2025 at 12:05 AM

MA

“ *Mr. Berry was a man I admire. He loved God, his wife, his children, and so many more. May God comfort the family during time of mourning.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mathis*

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**Mathis** - April 10, 2025 at 11:28 AM

ME



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**menci** - April 10, 2025 at 12:44 PM

CW

“ *We love and miss you so much Uncle Lamar, deeply and truly. So grateful we have pictures of these moments doing what you did best: showing love to our family and everyone around you.*



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**chelsi wo** - April 10, 2025 at 11:03 AM

ME

*Love it*

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**menci** - April 10, 2025 at 12:43 PM

IJ

“ *Ida M Jeffers lit a candle in memory of Bishop Lamar Berry*



Ida M Jeffers - April 10, 2025 at 10:20 AM

ME



menci - April 10, 2025 at 12:44 PM

IJ

“ *Bishop Lamar Berry (aka Brother Berry) is a very precious Soul that will leave many lasting loving memories on the hearts and minds of all those who had the privilege and honor to have been blessed to have had him in their lives !❤️🙏*

Ida M Jeffers - April 10, 2025 at 10:18 AM

SM

“ Lamencia and I went to LBJ together and I met Mr. Berry years later after I had my oldest son. I was a new mother and looking for a daycare that I could trust with my first and only child at that time. Lamencia, referred me to the daycare that her parents owned and that is how I met her father and mother. Mr. Berry was such an incredible human being. He and Mrs. Berry took great care of my oldest son when he was a newborn in their daycare. They loved and cared for him so well. It was obvious that they genuinely loved every child that came through their doors.

And, I've always remembered this life lesson that Mr. Berry told me about a fly and a butterfly. 🦋 I'm sure all of his daughters are aware of this butterfly story. He was such a kind gentle soul. I send my deepest condolences to you Lamencia and the rest of your family!! I pray the memories you have of him bring you great comfort.

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**Shamica Mason** - April 10, 2025 at 09:34 AM

LA

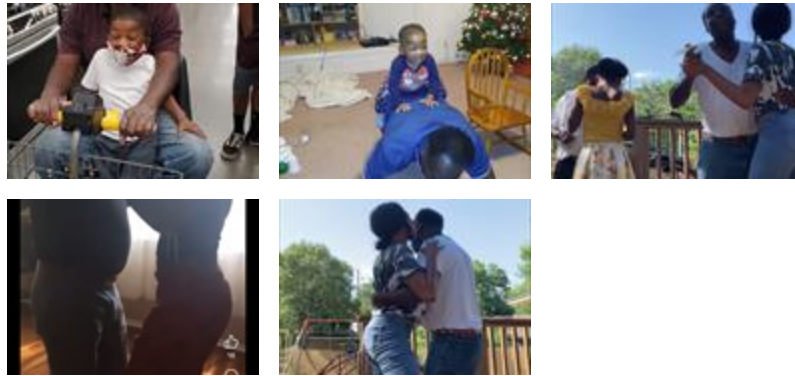
*Thank you for sharing shamica*

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**LaMencia** - April 10, 2025 at 10:07 AM

ME

“ I love you so much papa and miss you so much Thank you for everything ❤️ Beat papa ever 🥹🙏 we miss you!



mercedes - April 09, 2025 at 11:34 PM

CT

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Cealia Thompson - April 09, 2025 at 09:14 PM

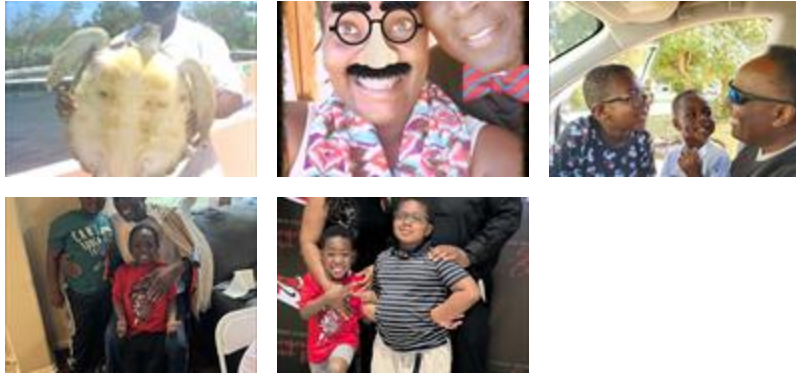
CT

*You pulled best out of your member's you truly will be missed*

Cealia Thompson - April 09, 2025 at 09:15 PM

TH

“ *Dad we love you a whole bunchy bunchy* ”



**The Hills** - April 09, 2025 at 08:27 PM

FR

“ *From T&T Auto Repair purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bishop Lamar Berry.* ”



**From T&T Auto Repair** - April 07, 2025 at 04:04 PM