



## Robert Huntley

January 17, 2013

Robert Huntley, Sr., age 73, passed away peacefully in the early hours of Thursday, January 17, 2013. Affectionately known as "Bobby," he was born on June 9, 1939, to Claude and Rosa Huntley in Toledo, Ohio. He was the youngest of the ten Huntley children.

Robert demonstrated the gift of music at age six playing primarily the piano, organ and some wind instruments. He attended Gunckel Elementary, played in the band at Libbey High School and was a graduate of Libbey High School. Robert played the organ and piano at the old Wabash and Zion churches, now known as New Life Church of God in Christ. He also served as the Music Director for many Toledo churches including St. James Holiness Church, Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Spring Street Baptist Church, Phillip's Temple, United Baptist Church, and other churches. There are a countless number of singers and musicians who have been touched and motivated by his musical ministry. He was truly unique.

He was appointed President and Music Director of the Ohio North Jurisdiction #1, Church of God in Christ. Upon the advent of his illness, he scaled back his services to include providing comforting music for Dale-Riggs, Day, and Brown Funeral Homes. Robert served over fifty (50) years in music ministry, and his prolific legacy has been firmly established.

During his career, Robert was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and held the position of Station Manager at Wernert's Corner and Reynolds Branch. He was a substitute Post Master for Maumee and Perrysburg Post Offices,

retiring in 1992.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Rosa Huntley; his sisters, Mattie Huntley, Florence Reece, Dorothy Sharp, and Ernestine Billups, and brother, Carl Huntley.

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Sylvia; his children, Debra Stegall (Marvin) of Atlanta, GA; Robin Huntley of Toledo, OH; Robert Huntley, Jr. (Yvette) of Suwanee, GA, and Wendi Huntley of Toledo, OH; his grandchildren, Summer Stegall, Sunny (Tim) Edwards, Erin Huntley, Drew Huntley, and Mason Huntley; his great-grandson, Jordan White; his sister, Betty Huntley of Toledo, OH; his brothers, Harold Huntley (Berdell) of Toledo, OH, Claude Huntley of Ft. Washington, MD, and Jonathan Huntley of Palmdale, CA; his brother-in-law, James Witten (Roma) of Englewood, NJ; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Friday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel.

Family hour Saturday 10:00 a.m. followed by funeral services at 11:30 a.m. St. James, The Armory, entombment Toledo Memorial Park.

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Huntley family: Since there is nothing I can do to take away your pain, I'll just keep praying to the One who can. God has promised strength for the day, comfort for the tears, light for the way. Keep your heart, thoughts and prayers in God's hands. For you I am praying.*

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**Catherine Stinchcomb** - February 05, 2013 at 03:14 PM

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“*To the entire Huntley Family You Have Our Deepest Sympathy The Lord will give strength unto his people; The Lord will bless his people with peace, Psalms 29:11 BECAUSE WE CARE The loss of someone close is difficult to bear, But the sorrow that you feel is a sorrow that we share, So may it comfort you to know how very much we care. For the Lord shall be thine everlasting light and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Isaiah 60:20. Sis. Sylvia Huntley: We will certainly miss Bro. Huntley, He was so good to my father, Elder Dave Thomas over at Zion Church of God In Christ. We love all of you. Mother Mabel Smith & Family*

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**Mother Mabel Smith** - January 28, 2013 at 06:51 PM

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“*Sylvia, thinking of you in your hour of sorrow, Bobby has been in the Thomas family all our lives we all will miss him. Bobby was a major part of Ohio & Mich music ministry. time will pass and the pain will lessen, but memories will be forever present of someone who was so very special. Will keep your family in prayer.*

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**Shirley A. Thomas-EI** - January 24, 2013 at 05:56 PM