



Supt. Emeritus William Clifton Terry

October 3, 2014

William Clifton Terry, 86, passed away on October 3, 2014, at Genesis Health Care in Perrysburg, Ohio. William was known by all affectionately and respectfully as "Elder Terry," as well as "Bishop" by his family, and was born April 30, 1928, in Memphis, Tennessee to the union of John and Lillian Patterson Terry.

Upon graduation from high school, William volunteered and joined the U.S. Army and later served also in the U.S. Air Force. He was honorably discharged from both armed services. William moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he was employed as a bus driver with the Cleveland Transit System. He was employed there for 39 years, retiring in 1972 to assume the pastorate at the Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ, Canton, Ohio. He served as Senior Pastor of Mt. Zion for 39 years, retiring and becoming Pastor Emeritus in 2011.

Elder Terry leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Sheila L. (Bishop Edward T. Cook) of Toledo, William Jr. (Marie) Terry of Cleveland and Michael Terry of Washington, DC; grandchildren, Terrilynn Cook of Charlotte, Robin Prettyman of Cleveland, Keith (LaTarsha) Cook of Toledo and Taylor Terry of Cleveland; great-grandchildren, Branden Cook of Charlotte and Manhattan Cook of Toledo; siblings, Mae E. Stewart of Cleveland, Hueghea Terry of Memphis, Bishop Bueford (Ella Mae) Terry of Cleveland and Joseph (Janice)

Terry of Shaker Heights and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel, 572 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604

Visitation will be Friday at 10 a.m. with funeral services at 12 noon at New Life Church of God In Christ, 1215 Oakwood, Toledo, Ohio 43607. Bishop Edward T. Cook, pastor, Elder Michael Pressley, officiant, Bishop David Herron eulogist, interment Cleveland Memorial Gardens, Cleveland, OH.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Terry Family, My condolences to you on the passing of William, My thoughts are with you during this most difficult time in your lives and may you trust in the promises that God has made in his word that his purpose of a Paradise Earth will be accomplished and the righteous will live forever upon it(jPsalms 37:11).

cjt - October 10, 2014 at 05:32 AM

KJ

“ First Lady Sheila Cook, William Jr. and Michael: we send our deepest sympathy and love in the loss of your dad. He was such a wonderful man, always kind and had a great smile that could light up a room. We are praying for God to comfort you as only He can.

Pastor Gregory and Sis. Karin Jordan
Calvary COGIC
Cleveland, OH

Karin Jordan - October 09, 2014 at 12:05 PM

KJ

“ KARIN JORDAN purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Supt. Emeritus William Clifton Terry.



KARIN JORDAN - October 09, 2014 at 11:19 AM

RP

“ Eld Terry recieved his golden wings this October we loved him but God loved him more I didn't know him personally but I don't meet any strangers in the Lord I love you sister Cook you and your family are in my prayers

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RJ

“ Dear First Lady Cook and Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Supt. Terry was a wonderful saint of God and his sweet spirit will be greatly missed. We can not be with you for the home going service but please know our love and prayers are with you.

Supt. Robert L. James & First Lady Ruby James, Columbus, OH

Robert James - October 08, 2014 at 08:32 AM