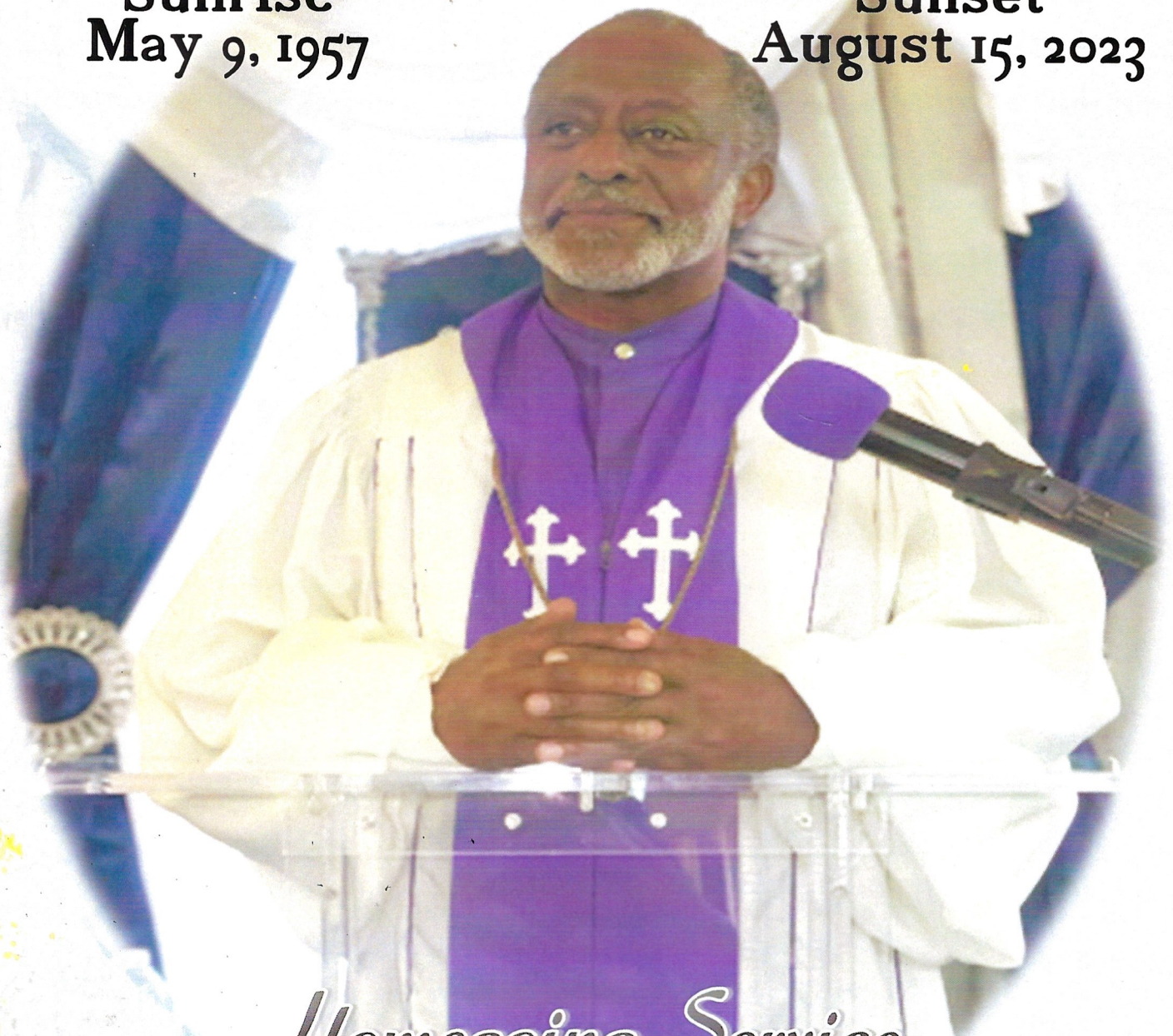


Celebrating The Life Of

Bishop Ronald David Smith

**Sunrise
May 9, 1957**

**Sunset
August 15, 2023**



Homegoing Service

Saturday, August 26, 2023, 11:00 A.M.

Conquerors Assembly

Bishop Jonathan Ellis, Pastor/Officiant

Bishop Ralph Green, Eulogist

937 W. Magnolia Avenue, San Antonio, TX. 78201

The Life Of Bishop Ronald D. Smith

Ronald David Smith was born May 9, 1957, in San Antonio, Texas, to Raydene and Herbert S. Smith, Jr. Ronald was a graduate of Holmes High School, and attended Bible College. Bishop Smith was seeking the Lord and received the Holy Ghost in his bedroom, at the age of seventeen. It was his Nazarene grandmother that found him speaking in tongues and praising God, and thus began his lifelong walk with the Lord.

Following the influence and under the guidance of R.W. Schambach, who shaped his foundation in theology, Bishop continued his walk with God, attending the International Bible College. Sometime later, his cousin Elder Ralph Green took him to Greater Lincoln Park Church of Christ. Under Pastor Bishop William Ellis, Bishop Smith was a faithful member of the church and assisted the Honorable Bishop William Ellis for many years. Bishop Smith served as a Sunday School teacher, street minister, and evangelist, who was always studying to show himself approved. Bishop Smith traveled the state of Texas preaching about his Savior, Jesus Christ.

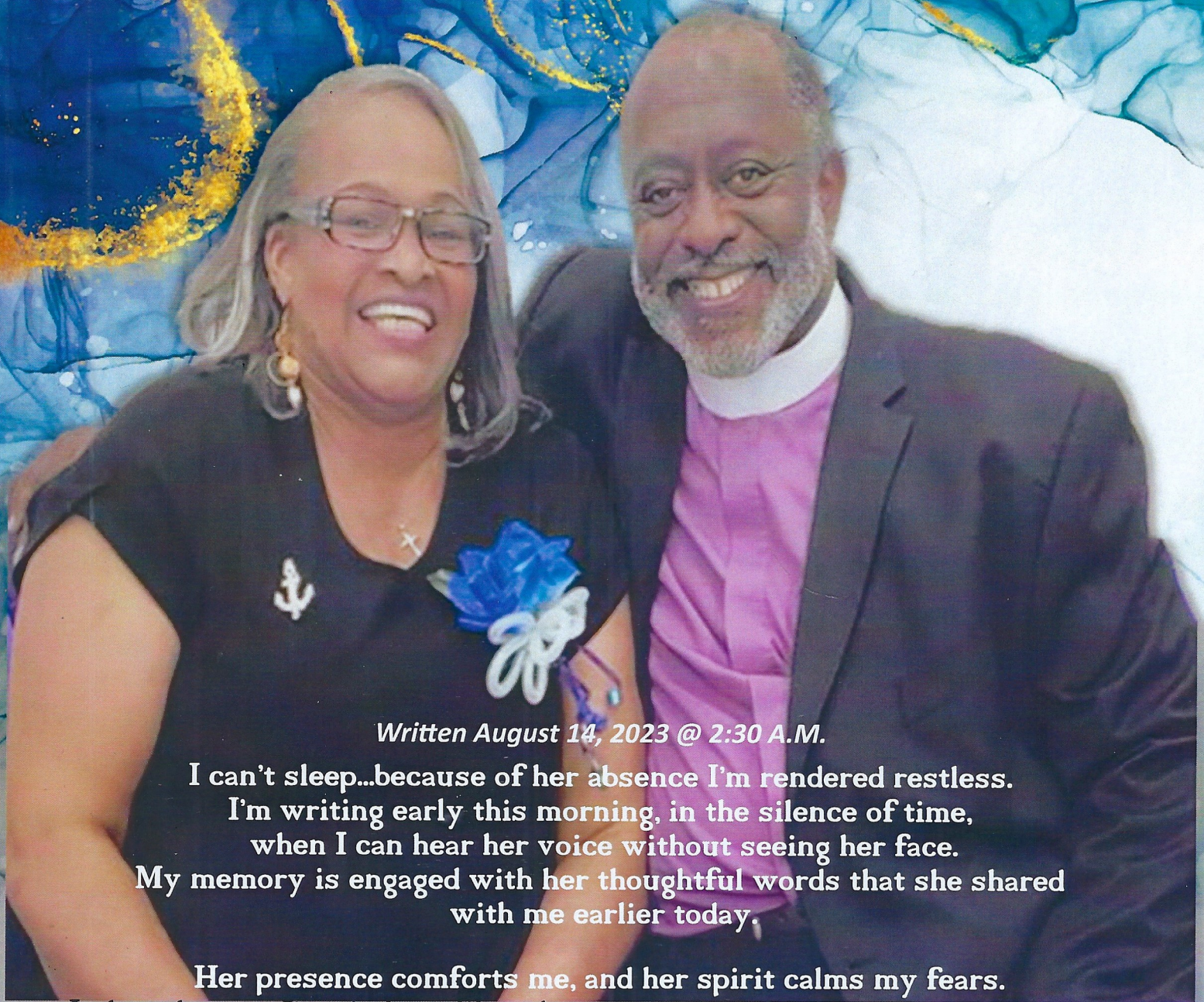
In October 1986, he answered the call to pastor, and founded, and was the Overseer for Lively Stone Pentecostal Church. The Lord led him several years later to expand his reach in ministry. The Lord widened his mission field, leading Bishop Smith to serve internationally, to reach Spanish speaking nations. Bishop Jonathan Ellis enlisted him to serve as District Elder in the Southern District of the TSC in 2013. In 2014, he joined the I.A.M. Fellowship, founded by National Evangelist John Morris of California. He was ordained as a Bishop in June 2014.

In 2012, the second location was opened in Houston, Texas (Lively Stone International Christian Church). Both locations functioned together as one. Fellowship connections were formed in Mexico and Costa Rica. Bishop Smith also hosted a weekly prayer evangelism conference line, beginning at 5 A.M., with callers that participated from all over the country. Everywhere that Bishop Smith went, he promoted the gospel of sanctification, winning souls and rendering selfless service to the people of God. He was a servant!

Bishop Ronald was preceded in death by his mother, his father, his youngest sister, Chanelle Turner Daniels, and his youngest brother, Robert Dwayne Turner.

Bishop Smith leaves to cherish his memory, his Wife, Velvet A. Smith; his children: LaKisha, LaNisha, Michael, Melvin, Maurice, Danielle (Julian, Sr.), Krystin, Charity (Christopher), Sharai, Samara, and Menorah; his siblings, Deborah Smith Childs, Barry E. Smith, Herbert A. Smith (Missy), Jeannie Smith Parks (Dennis), Steven W. Smith (Patricia), Calvin A. Smith (Sharon); his grand-children, Desia, Aka-ila, Tajae, Tayler, Raeanna, Adrian, Simone, Tavi, Jamiah, Pashawn, Bri, Elijah, Ezekiel, Jerimiah, Abigail, Ezra, DaniRaye, Jayla, and Julian, Jr.; and great grand-children, Skylar, Brandon, and Ava, as well as a host of nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces, cousins, and friends.

From Bishop Ronald D. Smith...to My Wife, Velvet A. Smith



Written August 14, 2023 @ 2:30 A.M.

**I can't sleep...because of her absence I'm rendered restless.
I'm writing early this morning, in the silence of time,
when I can hear her voice without seeing her face.
My memory is engaged with her thoughtful words that she shared
with me earlier today.**

**Her presence comforts me, and her spirit calms my fears.
In her absence I'm aimless, like a bow and arrow, having no certain destiny.**

**Her encouragement fuels me with constant inspiration
that comes from another world.**

**The energy and reinforcement that she sublimely passes
through my mental corridors, engages me with flirtatious thoughts
of intimacy, and the result puts a smile upon my face,
only to experience her amazing grace.**

**As she patiently waits for her man that's incomplete,
she doesn't put me on hold or delete.**

**I'm becoming that man only to her dining pleasure.
My thoughts are varied, and my world can be far apart, but she brings me
back in balance, because she knows what's in my heart.**

**She is a God given treasure...a pearl with great price,
she's a gift from God, and she's my lovely wife.**

Celebrating The Life Of Bishop Ronald D. Smith

Order of Worship

Processional

Reading of the Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Remarks

Acknowledgements/ Resolutions

Selection

Clergy Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Family Tribute

Selection

Gospel Message

District Elder Payne

Pastor Louise Braziel-Benson

Bishop Edgar Usher TSC Chairman

Sis. Elizabeth Holmes

Bishop Douglas Thompson

Pastor Alfonso Solis

Bro. Todd Stevens

Sis. Cheryl Morris

Lincolnaires

IAM – Chief Overseer Hyacinth Morris

Overseer Gloria Lawrence

Overseer Green Lacoure

Bishop Richard Young

Diocesan 13th Episcopal District TSC

Read Silently

Daughters

Two Minutes, Please

Pastor Rory Briggs

Bishop Ralph Green,

Greater Bethany @ St. Mark

San Antonio, Texas

"But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name [in My place, to represent Me and act On my behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you." - John 14:26, AMP

Precious Memories...



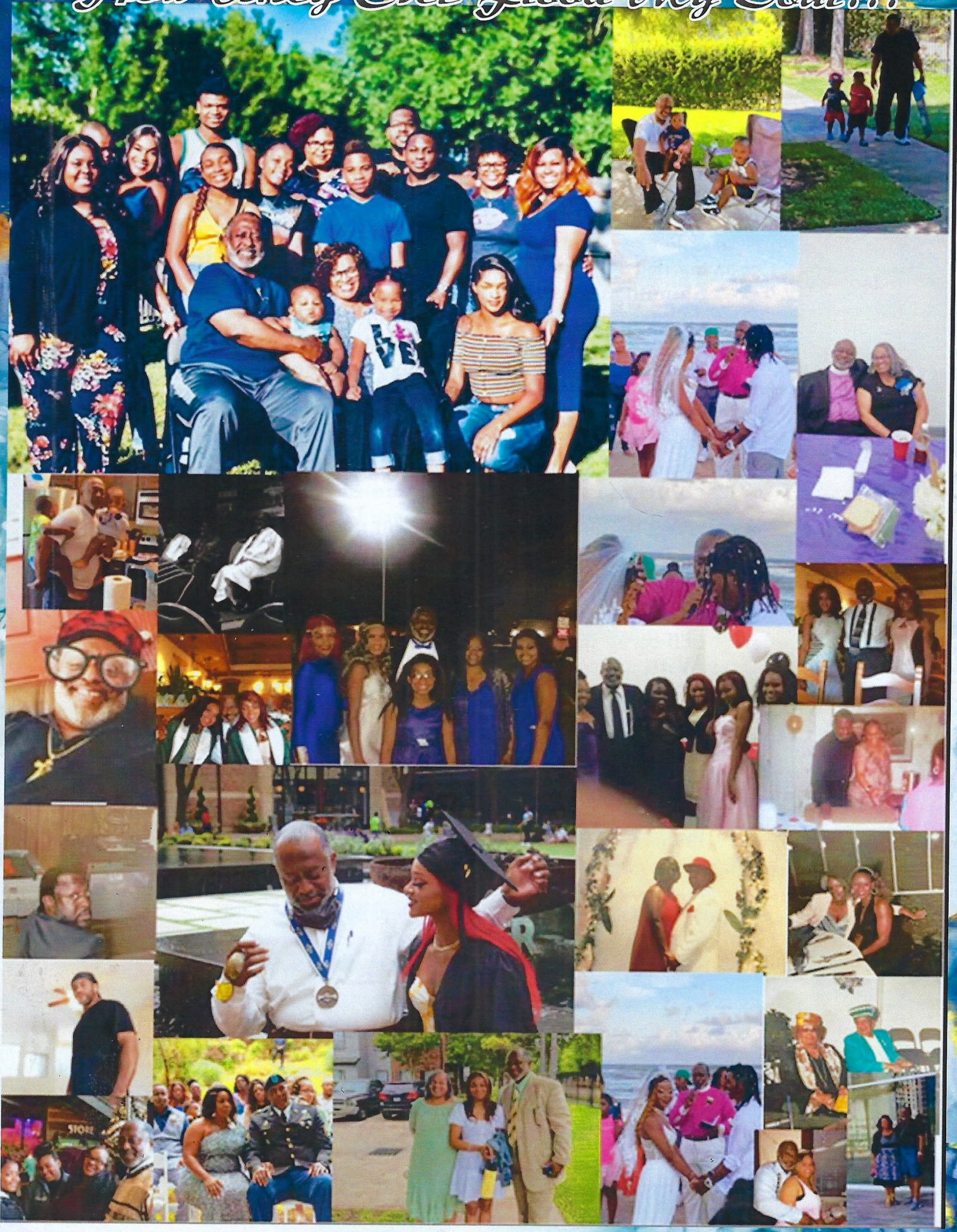
Precious Memories... Oh, How They Linger...



How They Ever Flood My Soul...



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From Sharai . . .

In sorrow, I stand, my heart in a bind,
A loss so profound, emotions entwined.
My dad, he departed, a few days ago,
Unexpectedly taken, life's turn and flow.
Tears freely fall, as I weep and I sigh,
The pain is a storm, yet I can't deny,
Amidst all the grief, a strange peace I have found.

For my dad's life was a symphony, a harmonic sound.
Shinning like a beacon of light pure and true.
In every heart he touched, his warmth gently grew.
He danced through the days, his spirit so bright,
A patient soul, guiding with love's gentle light.

Bittersweet feelings, like a taste on my tongue,
The ache in my heart and the songs left unsung.
Bitterness mingles with sweetness inside,
A paradox of emotions, where I confide.
His legacy's woven, it's not at its end,
Just the beginning, on memories we'll depend.

I'll carry his light to illuminate each space,
With patience and love, I'll mirror his grace.
He carried the burdens of many a soul,
A remarkable man, who made broken hearts whole.
Though I ache for his presence, I'd never ask why,
He's at peace now, beyond the clear sky.

I'll honor his memory, each day that I'm here,
Embrace every moment, every laughter, every tear.
His loss, it will linger, a void that won't fade,
But I'll bear it with love, as his legacy's displayed.
I'll cry for his absence, the void that remains,
For the love that was shared, the joy and the pains.

He lives on in me, in the love that he gave,
His spirit, his wisdom, in my heart, it engraves.
So onward I'll journey, a torchbearer of his name,
A representation of his love's vibrant flame.
With patience, I'll navigate life's turns and its flow,
For my dad's light within me will forever glow.

Why, Pastor... Why?

Wanda Marvin, on Behalf of the Family

As I see you standing there behind the pulpit speaking from God's Word,
I think back to all those wonderful, blessed sermons from you that I've heard.

No there's no secret why God brought you out.

Oh, your joy has made us shout!

You see, Pastor, there was a reason that God saved your soul.
because He knew that serving him with all your heart would be your life's goal.

There was a reason that it was YOU that God chose,

Not your good looks, perfect hair, or stylish clothes.

No Pastor, the reason that God reached down his hand and saved you,
let there be no doubt!

The reason God chose you is,

Because he knew how you would turn out.

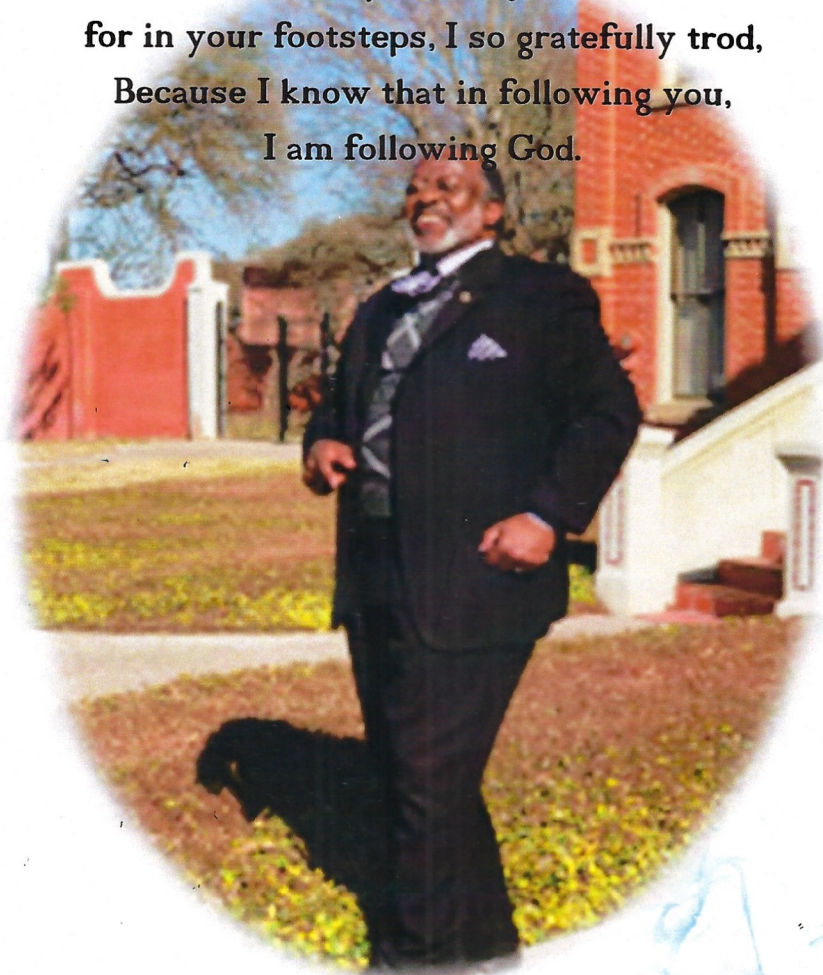
The reason that you mean so much to me...

Is when I look at you...it's Jesus that I see,

for in your footsteps, I so gratefully trod,

Because I know that in following you,

I am following God.



Pallbearers

**Tesfu Casper, Jr.
Preston Steen, Jr.
Namon Jefferson**

**Christopher Mathews
Darrell N. Childs
LaJarrett Smith**

Honorary Pallbearers

**Calvin Smith
Barry Smith
Herbert Smith
John Marvin, Jr.**

**Herbert Smith
Steven Smith
Steed Campbell
Herbert A. Smith, III**

Acknowledgement

**Your words have comforted us, your support has strengthened us,
and your love has sustained us.**

Our deepest thanks to you and your families for your kindness during our sadness.

**Our appreciation is more than words could ever express,
and we will always remember you.**

May God Forever Bless Each and Every One of You.

The Family of Bishop Ronald David Smith

Interment

Monday, August 28, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

MeadowLawn Funeral Home

5611 East Houston Street

San Antonio, Texas 78220

Services Entrusted To

Carter-Taylor-Williams Funeral Home

601 Center Street

San Antonio, Texas 78202

**Repast will be held immediately following the Homegoing Service,
At Greater New Genesis Christian Center (Pastor Louise Braziel-Benson),**

110 Hanna Street, San Antonio, TX. 78210

Made For You, In Love, By Sister Sara A. Hobbs-Drake & Sister Tamu M. Banks