

CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
AND LEGACY OF

*“Billy”*

**Sunday**

November 3, 2024  
2:00 PM

**Calvary Temple of Praise**

2020 McCracken Road, Sanford, FL 32771

*Pastor Shawndric McGregor – Officiating*

*Pastor Paul P. Wright – Overseer*

**Interment**

Monday, November 4, 2024 • 9:00 AM

**Cape Canaveral National Cemetery**

5525 W. US Highway 1 [Lane A]

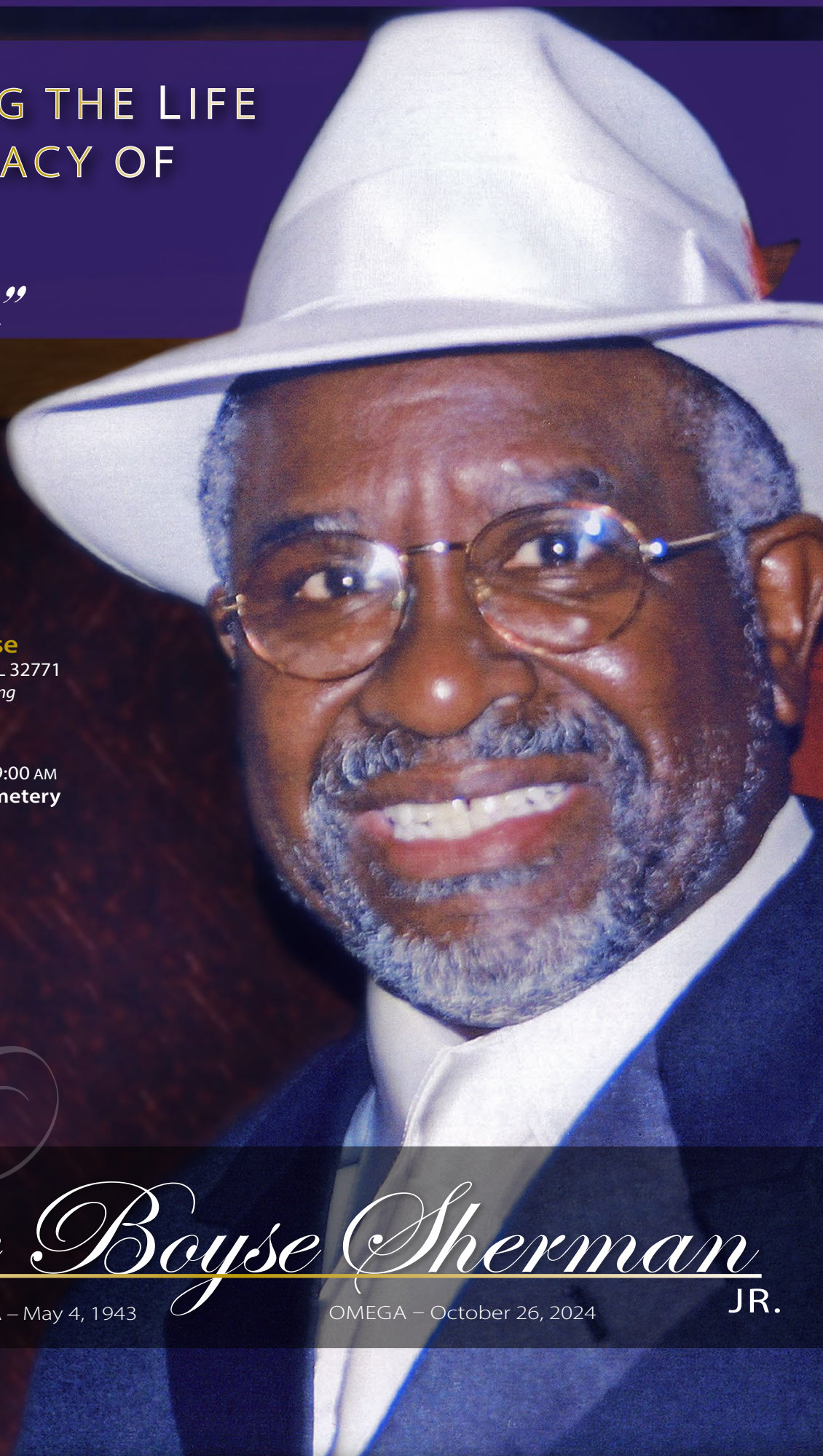
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**Services Entrusted To:**

**Sunrise Funeral Home**

900 South Locust Avenue

Sanford, FL 32771



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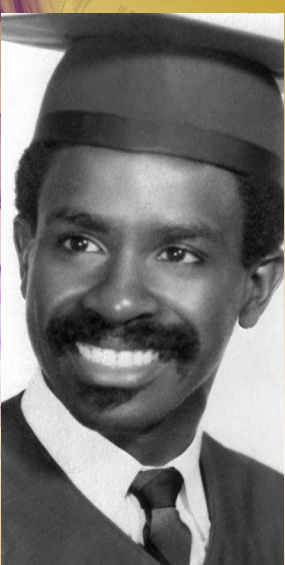
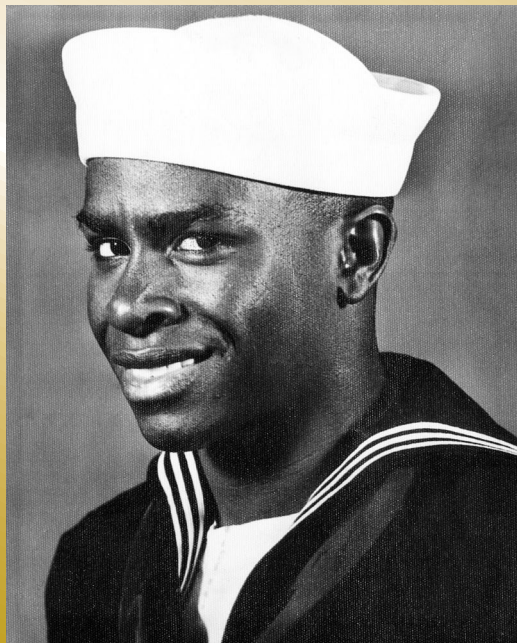
*Willie Boyse Sherman*

ALPHA – May 4, 1943

OMEGA – October 26, 2024

JR.



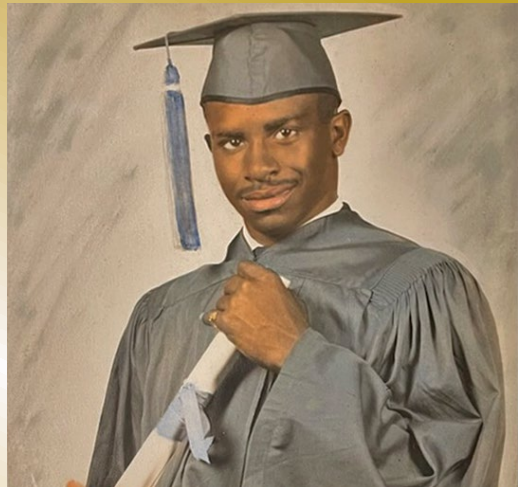


*In loving memory....*

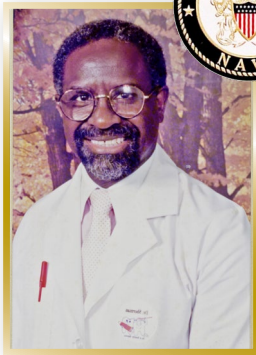
...of our wonderful Dad; of all the special gifts in life, however great or small, to have you as our Dad was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of love blow softly, and whisper in your ear: "We love you and miss you, Dad, and wish that you were here."

— Love, your children

A color photograph of a family group of about ten people, including men, women, and children, posing in front of a decorated Christmas tree.





## DR. WILLIE B. SHERMAN, JR.

**Dr. Willie Boyse Sherman, Jr.**, fondly known as “Billy” by many, was born in Sanford, Florida, to his proud parents, Willie B. Sherman, Sr. and Mary Alice McCray. He was a proud and distinguished graduate of Crooms Academy class of 1961, where he was the smallest one in the athletics department but earned his leadership role as the captain of the football team. Billy was a well-rounded student and excelled at everything he put his hands to.

After high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served for 4 years before being honorably discharged. He later matriculated to Howard University Dental School and graduated in 1973. From 1973-74, he completed a family practice residency at the National Institute of Mental Health at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, DC. After completing his residency in 1974, he returned to Sanford, Florida, to start his own dental practice – *We Care Dental Center*.

Dr. Sherman practiced in Sanford for two years while working part-time with various medical organizations, including the Orange County Health Department (five years), the Migrant Dental Health Clinic in Ocoee (one year), and later he helped organize and worked with the Migrant Dental Health Clinic in Oviedo (one year). While he continued to operate his Sanford office, in November of 1978, he stepped out in faith and began his second dental practice in Orlando, Florida. In 1980, he ended all other part-time work with other organizations and began working exclusively in both his Orlando and Sanford offices, and God blessed the work of his hands.

In 1980, Dr. Sherman was inducted into the Outstanding Young Men of American Legion of Orlando and began a successful real estate investing career. He purchased the Washington Shores Shopping Center in Orlando, established a Real Estate Management Company, Taibu Enterprise Incorporated, and was the first African-American to own a building of any kind in downtown Sanford, on Oak Avenue, which General Sanford once owned. However, his business endeavors continued to breed success, as he, along with Dr. Collins, was also one of the founders and owners of The Orlando Times, the first and most prominent African-American-owned newspaper in Orlando.

Through it all, Dr. Sherman continued to practice dentistry for almost 5 decades, but his greatest accomplishment was his dedication to giving back and serving the community he loved. In his spare time, he donated his service and resources to several community organizations, including Orlando Union Rescue Mission, Sanford Rescue Outreach Mission, World Vision (he personally sponsored many children over a span of 30 years), the Elks Lodge, Crooms Academy Alumni Association, Young Blacks in Action, and many other church and civic organizations.

Dr. Sherman’s civic affiliations included the NAACP (Life Member), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Elks Lodge, the American Legion, the National Dental Association, the American Legion: Dorie Miller Memorial, POST NO. 331 in Orlando, and Crooms Academy Alumni Association. He was humbly proud to be a very active member and deacon of Calvary Temple of Praise, where he joined under the leadership of Pastor Paul P. Wright – Overseer.

In addition, Dr. Sherman and his lovely wife served together as the department leaders of the Kingdom and Golden Warriors of Calvary Temple of Praise.



In the words of Dr. Sherman himself,

*“I now realize only the things you do for God and His glory will last. We came into this world with nothing, and will leave with nothing. So, I urge future generations to put God FIRST in everything that you do, and family SECOND. Set goals and work hard to attain them, and never give up! ALWAYS treat others the way you would like to be treated.*

*“I pray my legacy will be that I tried to help those who could not help themselves, and that I made a difference in their lives. Ultimately, I want to leave the world a better place, than if I had never lived. To God be all the glory!”*

Dr. Willie B. Sherman, Jr., D.D.S, P.A., was preceded in death by his **parents** – Willie B. Sherman, Sr., and Mary Alice McCray, and **sister** – Dorothy Brazzel.

Left behind to cherish many wonderful memories of a well-lived life are: his **loving and supportive bride** of 36 years – Patricia Sherman; his **children** – Veronica Byrd, Teresa Mitchell, Bernard (Jessika) D. Mitchell, Jr., Willie Williams, Jr., Rashia Sherman, Natasha Sherman, and Kendra Sherman;

**grandchildren** – Marquise Williams, Trequan Williams, Parker Von Mitchell, Symone Elise Taylor, Londyn Arrie Mitchell, and Sydney Taylor; one **great grandson** – Landon Williams;

**godchildren** – Malika and Maisha Evans, Krystal (Michael) Smith, Meraysha Burke, and Angie Jones;

**other relatives and friends:** **brother** and **sister-in-law** – Freddie McCray, Jr. and Hazel; **sisters/cousins** – Ethel Roberson, Audrey King, and Vera (Henry) June; **brother/cousin** – Rev. Jerome L. (Nettie) Walker; **special sisters** – Patty Ruffin and Lucille O’Neal; **special brother** – Dr. Oscar Pendleton; **special friends** – Willie (Yvonne) Hooks, Sr., Dea. Cleophas (Dorothy) White, Dea. Johnny Amos, James (Joanne) Price, Com. Velma (Edgar) Hayes Willams, and Dr. Lou Charles (Marie) Harold; and **caregivers** – Angela (Sam) Alexander;

**mother-in-law** – Rebecca Henderson; **brothers-in-law** and **sisters-in-law** – Dr. Johnny (Belinda) Henderson, Sandra Green, Clarence (Daphne) Hankerson, Rhonda (Leroy) Wilson, Ingrid (Pastor Ronald) Nathan, Johneva McKinney, Marvin Henderson, Bernadette Jones, and Eyvette Broughton, Blondenia (George) Gibson, and Karena (Kenneth) Tarrant; and a host of **nieces, nephews, cousins**, other relatives, Calvary Temple of Praise Church Family, and *many* friends and colleagues.

## Calvary Temple of Praise

2020 McCracken Road, Sanford, FL 32771

OFFICIATING  
**Pastor Shawndric McGregor**

*Calvary Temple of Praise*

PRESIDING  
**Rev. Charles Jones**

*Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Oviedo, FL*

*Music provided by Voices of Calvary Choir*

The family is providing a Livestream of this Service: [qualitystream.tv](https://www.qualitystream.tv)

2:00 P.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

**Processional** ..... Voices of Calvary Choir

**Invocation** .....Elder Anthony Bush  
*Calvary Temple of Praise*

**Musical Selection** ..... Voices of Calvary Choir

**Lessons from the Scripture**

Old Testament.....Rev. Jerome L. Walker  
*True Light Church of God in Christ – Rochester, New York*

New Testament..... Bishop Israel Black, Jr.  
*Sound Doctrine Ministries – Sanford, Florida*

**Musical Selection** ..... Pastor Ronald and Sis. Ingrid Nathan  
*True Holiness Deliverance Tabernacle – Sanford, Florida*

**Reflections** (*limit your remarks to 2 minutes each, please*)

Deacon Cleophas White  
James Price, Esquire  
Kenneth Bentley  
Rashia Sherman  
Bernard D. Mitchell, Jr.  
Pastor Paul P. Wright – Overseer

**Solo** ..... Jasmin Nathan

**Resolutions and Acknowledgments** ..... Elder Genene Henley

**Musical Selection** ..... Voices of Calvary Choir

**Words of Comfort**..... Pastor Shawndric McGregor

**Committal and Closing Prayer**..... Pastor Shawndric McGregor

**Recessional**.....Voice of Calvary Choir

### Repast

Immediately following this Life Celebration Service, you are invited to join the Family for a Repast here in the Elam Fellowship Hall.

*Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!*

– Isaiah 26:19 NLT





*"There are three things  
that remain—faith, hope,  
and love—but the greatest  
of these is love."*

*– 1 Corinthians 13:13*



### MY HUSBAND....

I lost my loving husband, my partner in my life;  
I was so proud to be his wife.

But I have the memories of times we shared together,  
That will live inside my heart, from this day and forever.

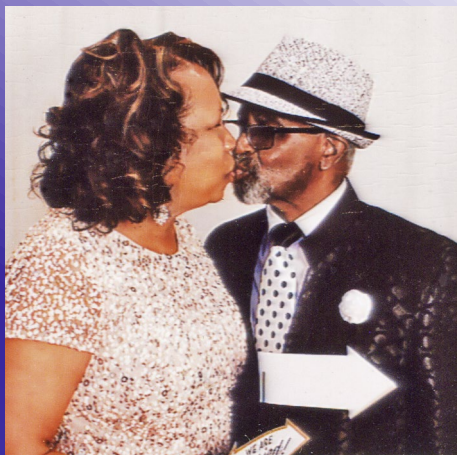
For he was one of a kind, a husband like no other;  
He was my best friend, my soul-mate, and my lover.

Rest in peace, my angel – I just wanted you to know;  
I miss you more each passing day, and how much I love you so.

And when I get to heaven, I know what I will do,  
You will be there with open arms, and I will run to you.

Rest easy on the wings of Eternity; I love you, Baby.

Your loving wife always, Pat





*“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”*

– Revelation 21:4

## Honorary Pallbearers

Willie Hooks, Sr. • Dr. Walter Evans  
Dr. Daniel Gray, Jr. • Reginald Amos  
Dr. Cleveland Mann • Freddie Bush  
Dr. Ronald Fulmore • Frank Bowens  
Dr. Doug Scarborough • Leroy Minnis  
Benjamin Bozman • Kenneth Tarrant

## Pallbearers

Cedric Williams • Sylvester Wynn  
Kevin Richardson • Emmitt Davis  
Donald Irving • Reginald Campbell, Jr.  
Lee Edgar Bass • George Gordon, Jr.

## Flower Attendants

Crooms Academy – Class of 1961-1962  
Howard University – Class of 1973  
The Kingdom and Golden Warriors of  
Calvary Temple of Praise

## In Appreciation

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

We extend our deepest thanks to you  
For your kindness during our greatest sadness.  
We appreciate it more than words can express,  
and it will always be remembered.

Special Thanks to Pastor Shawndric  
McGregor and Sis. Brandi,  
Pastor Paul P. Wright – Overseer,  
and Sis. Alberta, Valera, E-Stephan,  
AdventHealth, Home Helpers Home Care,  
and the Lake Baldwin V.A. Clinic.

We take solace in 1 Corinthians 2:9.....

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,  
nor have entered into the heart of man,  
The things which God has prepared  
for those who love Him.”*

– the Sherman Family



## Sunrise Funeral Home

900 Locust Avenue, Sanford, FL 32771

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Kayla K. Alexander, Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer

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