

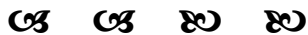
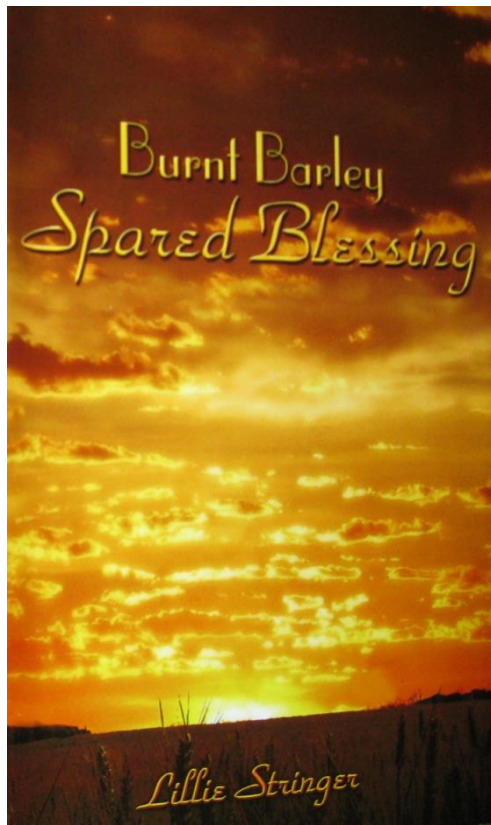
**CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF
LILLIE PEARL JOHNSON STRINGER**

DECEMBER 27, 1934 – NOVEMBER 1, 2013



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013
11:00 AM**

**OAKMONT CHURCH OF GOD
5925 WEST 70TH STREET
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71129
*Pastor, Dale M. Fontenot, Officiant***



*Do not weep for me,
Although I know you will;
Life's been good to me,
And you've made it better still;
For the joys outweighed the sorrow
Because it gave me hope for tomorrow.*

Sister Lillie

THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF
SISTER LILLIE JOHNSON STRINGER

Lillie P. Johnson Stringer was born December 27, 1934 to Rayfield and Bonnie Smith Johnson in New Brockton, AL. She grew up in Tucson, AZ and graduated from Tucson Public Schools.

She was born into a family of strong women who were deeply rooted in their African-American and Indian heritage and tradition. She is the descendant of grandmother, Callie Watson-Anders Smith, great-grandmother, Eliza Watson Anders and great-great grandmother, Lizzie Watson (who was Cherokee Indian).

She became a Christian at the age of sixteen and a member of A-Mountain Church of God in Tucson, AZ at the age of eighteen. She met and married Robert L. Stringer in 1957 and to this union was born 6 children.

Sister Lillie served as Louisiana State President of Women of the Church of God (WCG) for 10 years. That ministry led her to the national arena where she served as Vice President, Parliamentarian and Regional Coordinator of WCG. These responsibilities opened doors for her to become a conference leader and speaker at State, Regional and National meetings.

Ill health forced her to retire from active ministry, but she wasn't done yet. Reading and writing were her favorite pastimes so she researched her lineage and produced a book covering a one hundred fifty year period of her family history. In 2010, she became a published author of the book *Burnt Barley... Spared Blessing*.

She was preceded in death by her mother, a brother, Willie Goyens, and a son, Robert Byron Stringer. She leaves to cherish her memory: Her faithful and loving husband of 55 years, Dr. Robert L. Stringer; five children: Lisa Stringer Walker (Mark), MD; Mark (Shelley), TX; Lorna Stringer Rawls (Edward), Damian (Stacey), and Kimberly of Shreveport; seven grandchildren: Kambrienne, Katilynn, Kristian, Bryson, Braylon, Shelby and Sydney; two great-grandchildren: J'Nyea and P'ymeric; two sisters: Arleta Johnson of Delaware; Reola Hendrix of Arizona; a brother, Archie Johnson (Mary) of Arizona; and a host of relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude *Lavonya Malveaux & Larry Pierson*

Processional *Clergy & Family*

Musical Selection *“Highway to Heaven”*
Oakmont Church of God Choir

Scripture
Old Testament *Pastor Doyce Smith, Oakmont Church of God*
New Testament *Brother Billy Franks*

Prayer of Comfort *Pastor David Radford*
North Desoto Church of God, Mansfield, LA

In Her Own Words..... *Gwen Campbell, Journalist*

Musical Tribute *“We Shall Behold Him”*
John Mull, USAF 8th Air Force Band, Retired

Acknowledgements *Beatrice Jordan*
Upper Room Church of God, Los Angeles, CA

Expressions *Officiant in Charge*
Dr. Robert Massingill - Medical Community
The Johnsons - Los Angeles Family
The Martinezes - Los Angeles Neighbors
The Parkers - Los Angeles Friends
Pastor John Rabo - Local Friends

Musical Selection *“I’m Going On”*
Oakmont Church of God Choir

WCG Tribute *Saundra McNeese*
Former Regional Director, Christian Women Connection, TX

Musical Tribute *“It Is Well”*
Kenny & Jeremy Brown, Instrumentalists

Oration *Pastor Dale M. Fontenot*
New Life Church of God, Palmetto, LA

Recessional *“Caught Up To Meet Him”*

A Word of Thanks From The Family

How can we say thanks for all the things you have done for us? "Thank you" seems like such a small offering for all the acts of kindness you have shown our family during our time of bereavement. To those who mailed cards, your thoughtfulness brought smiles to each of our faces. To those who made phone calls, your words of encouragement uplifted our spirits and brought comfort to our heavy hearts. To those who made visits, your mere presence was enough to brighten our day. To those who sent messages by text and Facebook, your notes brought joy in the midst of sadness. And to all of you who have prayed, are praying and will continue to pray, know that your prayers have been heard and our pains have been alleviated for the prayers of the righteous availeth much.

A very special thank you to New Covenant Church of God for being a loving and caring church family. We thank you for the time you spent taking care of our family. The meals you prepared, the words you shared, and the many hugs you gave were a joy and delight to receive. To all of you, we thank you for a job well done!

To our Oakmont Church of God family, we thank you for opening up your hearts and your doors to us once again. Thank you for allowing us to celebrate in such a magnificent facility. We will always remember your kindness. And to a special group of "cool" ladies, we applaud your faithfulness.

To the Shreveport Fire Department, the family of Captain Damian Stringer thanks you for your strength in times of need. To the Caddo Parish Sheriff Department, thank you for an escort fit for a Queen! And a heartfelt thanks to Mr. Aljay Foreman for generously providing the unexpected.

And finally, to Dr. Robert Massingill, Dr. Robert Goodman, Dr. Richard Kamm, Jr., Dr. John S. Kilpatrick, Dr. Paul Rushing, Dr. Michael Stratton, and all the nursing staff at Christus Schumpert Cancer Treatment Center, Willis Knighton North and Willis Knighton LifeCare, we thank God for anointing your hands, your minds and your hearts with precision, clarity and gentleness!

The Stringer Family

Words of Thanks From Pastor Robert L. Stringer

FOR...

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VISITS... *Constance Pugh, Carrie Marshall, Fred Moss, Randall Bowie, LeKisha Clark, Brenda Whitfield, Gertrude Tillman, Kimberly Fontenot Hill, Pastor Doyce Smith, Carolyn Tillman, Jacqueline Page, Jerome Brackett, Raymond Sudds, Veria James, Shelton James, Wil Winborne, Mr. & Mrs. Jody Eldred, Charlotte Schaff, Aljay Foreman, Karen Austin, Charlotte Williams, Spencer Carter, Venetta Choyce, Cedric Choyce, Mae Harley, Pastor Dale Fontenot, Earlean Carter, Charlotte Grant, Lionel Scott, John & Peggy Knuckles, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Douglas, Kelwin Stringer, Andrea Alexander, Carla Crump, Kris Reed, Corrie Reed, Florence Sanders-Henry, Freddie Rhines, Shirley Kellum, Londell James, Melissa Walls, Sha'kayla Walls, Pastor John & Jackie Rabo, Steve Webb, Richard Graham*

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GOING ABOVE & BEYOND....

Carla Crump, Emma Brooks, Carrie Marshall, Joyce Williams, Wil Winborne, Connie Pugh

“To God Be The Glory”



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SHREVEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Robert Carter
Aaron Dixon
Ken Farquhar
Ron Flowers
Kory Gibson
Joseph James

John Knuckles
Ernest Page
George Parker
Terry Perry
Lionel Scott
Raymond Sudds
Wil Winborne

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