

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of

OUR PATRIARCH

Rev. Robert Batts, Jr.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. *2 Timothy 4: 7-8*

Alpha

December 3, 1931

Omega

May 13, 2023



Saturday, May 20, 2023

True Light Missionary Baptist Church

7102 North Main Street
Houston, TX 77022

Viewing

10 AM

Corey Tabor, Eulogist

Funeral

12 PM

Robert's Life Story

Rev. Robert Batts, Jr. was born December 3, 1931 to Robert & Lela Mae Batts in Hammond, Texas. He was the 4th of eleven children and only one of three remaining until his passing on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 2:30 a.m.

Robert attended church and school in Robertson county where he met the love of his life, Minyon Drew and together, they began their family bringing eight beautiful children into the world.

In 1953, he enlisted and served two years in the United States Army before being honorably discharged and returning to his wife and two kids in Hammond, Texas in 1955. He then moved his small family to Houston to live. After a little while, he and his wife "Min", as he affectionately called her, settled into their first residence on 28th Street, where they met many life-long friends. In 1958, they bought their home in Studewood where they have lived for over 65 years!

Robert was a family man and worked hard to provide for his family and extended family, including many of their relatives who he helped support while they attended and finished high school.

Robert accepted Christ at an early age and as a lad, attended church at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Hammond, Texas. When he moved to Houston, he united with Providence Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Pastor King C. Mason where he served for over 20 years as Sunday School teacher, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Trustee, and where he was ordained first as a deacon and then a minister of the Gospel in 1968.

After many years of service, he moved his membership to Christ Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late pastor, James H. Williams where he served for a short time as associate minister and was also the pastor of Alpha Missionary Baptist Church.

As a generous man, Robert was known to offer visitors to his home everything but the kitchen sink including but not limited to "polly pop", "cho-chos for the kids", "a hot cup of coffee" and "fruit and nuts at Christmas-time". He was well known and loved by the community. He loved to sit outdoors, drink coffee and talk to people walking or driving by. He loved to keep up his cars and property, cutting the grass, trimming the edges and picking up trash. He did this for neighbors too....free of charge and well into his 80's until he just couldn't do it anymore. He then became supervisor, watching and instructing others just how he wanted it to be done.

Robert was quite a character. He loved joking around and having fun with his friends and family. You were guaranteed to be laughing and smiling at the funny things he said. He loved playing dominos with his brothers, sons and others in the community and he especially loved to win!!!

As a young man, he worked for Southern Pacific Railroad and many other odd jobs including but not limited to stocking groceries, and security guard before landing his 38-year career as an oven operator for Cookbook Bakery and eventually, Sunbeam bakery, where he retired in 1992.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Robert & Lela Mae Batts, brothers: Alex Batts, Raymond Batts, and Joe Sam Batts; Sisters: Bobbie Walker (Leon), Birdie Mae Johnson (Benjamin), Willie Pearl Patterson (George), Hazel Carrie Tabor, & Alma Lucinda Perry (John Wesley); and son: Kenneth Bernard Batts.

He leaves to cherish his memory and the time spent on Earth: his beloved wife of 70 years, Minyon Batts; two sons: Floyd (Helen) Batts and Alfred (Betty) Batts; five daughters: Sherry Yon Batts, Lora Renae Brown (Norris), Yolanda Lue Sheppard (Earl), Lawanna Deann Meade and Lavonna Peann Gardner; nine grandchildren: La'Tonya Batts, La'Torsha Batts, Vorice Bennett (Norris), Alfreda Florice Batts, Triston Bernard Batts, Donovan Drew Gardner, De'Angela Meade, Sherry Meade, and Nicholas Sheppard; one sister: Lelia Mae Batts; one brother: Horace Ray Batts; three brothers-in-law: Charles Willie Johnson of Houston, Texas, Samuel Tabor of Abilene, Texas and five sisters-in-law: Ethelda Faye Batts of Houston, Ester Rich of Dallas, Lovie Allen (Artis) of Almogorda, NM, Carolyn Faye Rosemond of Calvert, Texas, and Mildred Adair of Wichita Falls, Texas; one special godson: Torrance Laron Earle (wife, Amy and kids: Adrian & Kennede) and god-daughter, Quintoria Jones (kids: Quintavia, QuinTina & Da'Variyon); one special niece, Deirdre Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends as well as his community, which will never be the same without him.



Dad,

You have always been a great provider. We've never seen a hungry or dark day because you made sure the bills were paid. You were there when we needed you the most; helping us move and fix things, teaching us how to drive and buy cars or guiding and advising us on big purchases or just providing whatever we needed or asked of you. Thank you for never leaving us but staying the course and raising all of us to be productive members of society. We will cherish our memories of you forever! We love you and thank you for always being a great dad! You were funny and wise. We are going to miss you so much but go on and take your rest! We thank God for the years he gave us with you and all the laughs and good times!

Love,
Your Children

Pa-Pa,

You have been our rock... a steady presence in all of our lives from birth until you took your last breath. We could always count on seeing you on holidays and hearing your jokes and funny stories which we all enjoyed. You always made family time fun! We could always depend on you to pick us up from school and give us money at Christmastime and whenever we asked. You loved us all and we love you too! We didn't want to let you go but we know it was time for you to take your rest. We will miss you so much but you are our angel now! You will forever be in our hearts. We will tell your great-grandkids all about you and show them pictures of you so your memory will live on through us!

Love,
Your Grandchildren



Brother,

I will miss our talks, playing dominos, and talking about the bible and family with you. Life will be so different without you to call but we'll talk forever in Heaven!

Love,
Your Brother, Horace (Pow Wow)

Brother,

I hated to see you go but you got tired and had to answer that call. I love you and will miss you. Now, there are only two of us remaining out of eleven. I thank God for letting you live 91 years! Rest in Peace, Dear Brother!

Love, Your Sister, Lelia (Bootsie)

Brother-In-Law/Uncle,

We will miss seeing you when we visit and talking and laughing with you. You will be missed! Rest in Peace Until We Meet Again!

Love,
Your Sisters & Brothers In-Law, Nieces & Nephews



Tributes

Tribute To My Husband

Robert, thank you for 70 years, 8 children and 9 grandchildren! Thanks for providing for our family and always taking care of us! Thank you for loving me and looking out for me. Even though we didn't always see eye to eye, when it came to our family, we were in agreement that family is everything! I'm going to really miss you, Robert and may your soul rest in peace!

Love, Min



Celebration of Life

REV. ROBERT BATTS, JR.

Prelude..... *"Soft Music"*

Processional..... *Clergy and Family*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament *Rev. Leotia Jones*

New Testament..... *Pastor Artis Allen*

Prayer of Comfort *Pastor Nathan Jenkins*

Providence Missionary Baptist Church

Solo..... *Rev. James Stanley Williams*

"Christ Missionary Baptist Church"

Resolutions & Acknowledgments..... *Cheryl Faye Berry*

Obituary *Read Silently*

Special Remarks

"As a Godson" *Torrance L. Earle*

"As A Neighbor *The Jones Girls*

Other Expressions (Two Minutes Please)

Solo..... *Brandia Perry*

"Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church"

Eulogy..... *Corey Tabor*

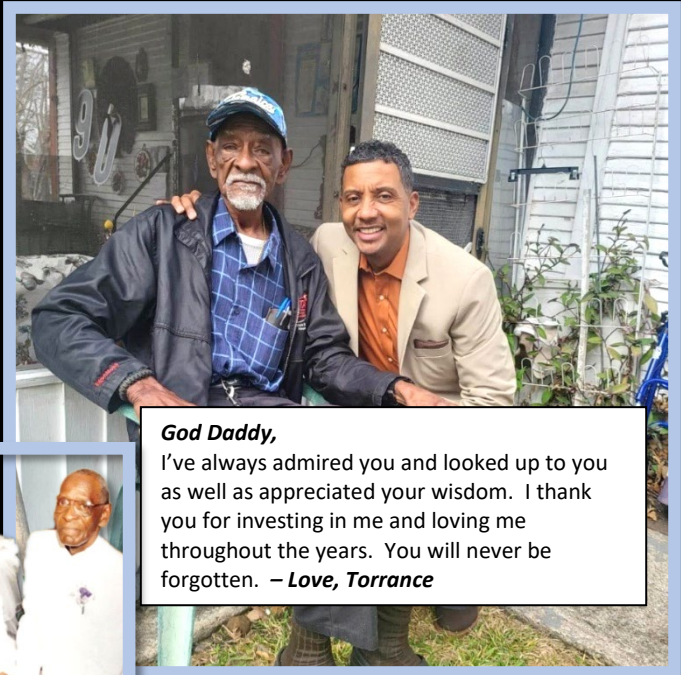
Celebration Church - Austin, Texas

Recessional *Clergy, Family and Friends*

"Goin' Up Yonder"

Family





God Daddy,
I've always admired you and looked up to you as well as appreciated your wisdom. I thank you for investing in me and loving me throughout the years. You will never be forgotten. — *Love, Torrance*



Family



Love

JONES FAMILY REUNION
A Family That Prays

Active Pallbearers

Adolph Mitchell
Kevin Keys
Roderick Batts

Ed Mitchell
George Patterson
Alton Barry

Honorary Pallbearers

Horace Ray
Alfred Batts
Norris Brown, Jr.
Donovon Gardner

Nicholas Sheppard

Floyd Batts
Earl Sheppard
Torrance Earle
Triston Batts

Acknowledgements

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★ **THE FAMILY** ★

Final Arrangements Entrusted To

FRAZIER MITCHELL FUNERAL SERVICE

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Interment

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

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Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2