



Andrew Spellman

August 15, 1916 - July 20, 2017

Elder Andrew L. Spellman was born on August 15, 1916, and departed this life on July 20, 2017. He was the oldest child of the late Andrew and Gracie Spellman, of Belcross, North Carolina. He is the first of twelve children of which the two youngest are still alive.

On January 9, 1940, Elder Spellman marries his sweetheart, the late Evangelist Maude M. Thornton Spellman. In 1946 he, his wife, and their first two children, moved to Lincoln, Delaware, from North Carolina. The family joined the Welcome Full Gospel Holiness Church under the leadership of the late Bishop David H. Shockley. Elder Spellman did his first work over again and served as a Sunday school teacher and as an active deacon. He held many offices in the church. One of his first sermons was "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" He was appointed the assistant pastor of Welcome Full Gospel. Around 1957 he was called out on the mission field, where he ran revivals and had Sunday school on labor camps and bible study in the saints' home.

Elder A. Spellman owned a piece of land in Ellendale, Delaware; two or three miles from where he lived. He decided to build a block building and used it to have services on Sundays, Tuesday nights, and Friday nights. He named our church "New Shiloh" in memory of his home church, in Shiloh, North Carolina.

In 1958, he and the late Evangelist Maude Spellman joined the Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas, Inc. He served as pastor and shepherd from 1958 until 2007. Elder Spellman held many positions in this church and in the community. He worked at the Sussex Poultry Factory, in Farmington, attending chickens. He also worked as a construction laborer and joined the local union, which allowed him to work on Dover Air Force Base and at Delaware State College (now Delaware State University). He was a great example of helping others. He was a faithful husband and a great provider for his family. He believed in training up a child in the way that they should go, and that they would not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6) He taught his children to pray; when to pray, how to pray, and to pray for each other. He expected them to obey him and to respect themselves and others. Although there were many obstacles in his life, God took him through or delivered him out of them through fasting and prayer. Because he didn't finish school, he made sure all of his children did.

Many people were saved through Elder Spellman's ministry. He truly believed in the miracle of healing. He often said, "believe it; speak it, and it shall come to pass." St. John 1:1 and Romans 8:1 were some of his favorite scriptures. He was the father and advisor of Maryland/Delaware District. He was the Delegate to the general council for Ministers of Maryland/Delaware district. He was a member of pastors alliance for Milford Middle School District and a member of ECCIA, to get clean water for the community and the surrounding areas. He was a lifetime member of the NAACP of the Milford Slaughterneck Branch.

Elder Spellman was preceded in death by his parents; nine of his siblings; his wife of 72 years and nine months; his oldest son, Leonidus Spellman; one of his twin sons, Roland Spellman; and one granddaughter, Rhonda Smith.

He leaves to cherish his memory, youngest brother, Henry Luke Spellman

(Rose); youngest sister, Esther Collins of Chesapeake, VA; his children, Miriam Celestine Harris (Luke) of Dover, DE; Ronald S. Spellman of Camden, DE; Leola M. Spellman Coutourier of Dover, DE; Matthew O. Spellman (Diya) of San Diego, CA; Linda B. Spellman, Ellendale, DE; Weldon M. Spellman (Patricia) of Bear, DE; Timothy W. Spellman of Dover, DE; Charlotte M. Wood (Robert) of Catonsville, MD; Thornton L. Spellman (Lisa) of Dover, DE; and Gracie A. Spellman of Puerto Rico; 30 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren; a host of Godchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lovingly Submitted
The Family

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Tribute Wall

DT

“ To the famliy of Elder Spellman we have you in our Prayers and thoughts and we know that God is looking down on you all. We will miss him greatly.
May the Grace of God continue to keep you all

Dr Robert and Marion Thomas - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ The Milford/Lincoln/Slaughter Neck NAACP Branch would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Spellman Family. We have lost someone who cared about people and worked to make improvements in the community. God bless you.

Rev. Jean Wylie - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ To the family of the late Elder Andrew Spellman. We, the officers and members of the CPC family extends our heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this time of bereavement. Our thoughts and prayers of strength and encouragement be with you now and forever more.

Prayerfully,
Elder Rosie M. Hall, 43Pastor
Elder Sharon D. Williams, Assistant Pastor

Calvary Pentecostal Church - August 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be. So, we send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about good news from Almighty God. We are in no way trying to impose our faith on you, but sincerely just want to extend comfort to you during your grief (Proverbs 17:17). As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28,29). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason as well as others, He promises to remove forever all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10,11,29). Truly, what a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality though for God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). It is our hope that you not take our word for what has been written; but that you take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures and be comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are sincerely with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - August 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Extending deepest sympathy to family and friends in this time of sorrow. Please find comfort in knowing that soon all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out. (John 5:28,29) Until that blessed day, may Jehovah, the God of all comfort, grant you peace while many fond memories warm your hearts.

Annie Wingfield - July 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ I extend my condolences to Weldon, Patty, their sons and, to my Soror Lisa Spellman, her husband and their family on the loss of your beloved patriarch. What a blessing to have had him for all these years. I know that he is rejoicing in his new home, happy to be in the presence of our Savior. We should all hope and pray to be so richly blessed. May God bless and keep you now and always.

Lorene Robinson - July 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - July 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM