



## Austin W. Waters Jr.

July 4, 1951 - September 5, 2015

Dr. Austin William Waters, Jr, age 64, was born July 4, 1951 to the late Elder Austin Waters, Sr., and M. Lorraine Waters, in Wilmington, Delaware. He was the Loving husband of Lady Deborah Waters. Austin was called home to be with the Lord from his earthly residence on Saturday, September 5, 2015 surrounded by his loving family.

Austin attended and graduated from Chestertown High School. Later, he enrolled in Chesapeake College and successfully received his Associates in Arts Degree. Having a desire to further his education, he attended the University of Maryland College Park, where he studied education and received his Bachelor of Science Degree with honors; in addition to being on the Dean's List. In an effort to properly prepare himself for the Work of Ministry for which he was called, Austin enrolled in the Sussex County School of Theology, where he received his Doctorate of Divinity Degree and eventually became Dean of Student Instruction. Dr. Waters was a student PAR-Excellent, having received many accolades, distinguished honors, as well as being named in Who's Who Among College Students, listed in the Black Honors Caucus and a member of the Life Learning Academy to name a few.

June 24, 1978, Austin was united in Holy Matrimony to the love of his life, Deborah Marlene Scott. Together, they reared three wonderful children nurturing and admonishing them to always reverence and fear the Lord. As a

father, Austin instilled the Word of God in his children, teaching them to be respectful, caring, giving and to accept contentment with their situation. Austin was an inspiration to his family and siblings, whom he loved dearly.

Employed by the State of Maryland as a Job Counselor for six counties, Austin worked diligently helping individuals to secure and maintain employment. Prior to accepting the position with the State of Maryland, he worked for Kent and Queen Anne's Counties in the Parks and Recreation Departments. Dr. Waters served as a Mentor and Professor of Theology imparting the Word of God to students of Sussex County School of Theology. He was blessed to have his wife, several siblings, cousins, aunt and Precious Mother as students, among the enrolled learners in the School of Theology.

Austin accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior in 1977. His continued growth in the Lord was manifested by dedication, for which he was promoted to an Ordained Deacon and then to Minister. In 1983 after being tried and proved according to set standards, he was elevated to the office of Ordained Elder, by the late Bishop C. W. Cotton, while attending Gospel Church of God in Chestertown, MD.

Elder Austin Waters, Jr., reassigned his membership and became a member of House of Prayer Church, under the pastorate of his father Elder Austin Waters, Sr. Having the Spirit of Servitude; he assisted his father with church operations and pastoral care missions as assigned. In 1996, Pastor Austin Waters, Sr., completed his work as Senior Pastor of House of Prayer Church, and was called home to be with the Lord. The Mantle of Leadership was bestowed upon Elder Austin Waters, Jr., and he was installed as the new pastor of House of Prayer Church, where he served the members faithfully and dutifully until he was called home to be with the Lord.

Affectionately known as "Tree Top", he was an avid reader of historical and

religious materials. He enjoyed long rides and outings with his family. Church was his passion, enjoying good Gospel Singing, but most of all he loved the Lord, and teaching and preaching God's Word.

Austin was preceded in death by his father, the late Elder Austin Waters, Sr. Precious Memories will be cherished by his wife of 37 years Deborah, children: Charles Scott of Glen Burnie, MD, Aretha Dorsey (Pastor Samuel) of Chestertown, MD, and Dorene Scott of Worton, MD, mother: M Lorraine Waters, siblings: Elder Gary Waters (Karen) of Millington, MD, Sheila Brown of Newark, DE, Robin Daniel (Charles) of Jacksonville, FL, Bishop Duane Waters (Chandra) of Wilmington, DE; Six Grandchildren, Four Great-Grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, and the House of Prayer Church Family.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope you will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.Matthew 5:4.

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**Mattie Jones** - September 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear First Lady Deborah Waters and Family. Please accept the Heartfelt Sympathy and Prayers of the Haughton-Johnson Family Connection. We are sorrow for the loss of your beloved husband Dr Austin Waters. May you and your entire family gain strength as you lean on the Everlasting Arms of our God!

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**Elder Dion D. Davis** - September 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM