



Bishop Oliver Blend Matthews

September 5, 1952 - December 20, 2020

Obituary

Bishop Oliver Blend Matthews, beloved son of the late Dorothy Fisher-Matthews and Thomas Edgar Matthews, was born on Friday, September 5, 1952 in Macedonia, Virginia. He peacefully departed this life on December 20, 2020 at his residence in Macedonia, Virginia.

Oliver was educated in the public schools in Accomack County, Virginia. He dedicated his life to Christ at the age of thirty-four (34). He worked in several industries throughout his life. Bishop Oliver drove the school bus for Miracle Temple in the early 1990's. He also had a love for coaching basketball for Parks and Recreation Little League basketball from 1996 to 1999.

Oliver was the founder of St. Matthews Christ United Church in Onley, Virginia. He served as the Bishop and was the Pastor of the Church . In his spare time he enjoyed selling tools, reading the Word, praying, watching wrestling and helping others more than himself.

Bishop leaves to cherish memories of his life: his wife of forty-four (44) years, Nancy Matthews of Macedonia, Virginia; one brother, Myron Matthews of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; five sons, Oliver (Danette) Crippen, DJ (Tykisha) Matthews, Phillip (Cherita) Matthews, Alvin Crippen and Anthony (Tamara)

Crippen; two daughters, Renee Crippen and Angel Crippen-Floyd; seventeen grandchildren, Rykese Brown, Rynell Crippen, Rynasiah Fisher, Zy'ashiah Matthews, Jayden Matthews, Jayda Broadwater, Samiya Matthews, Khamil Matthews, DeJuan Hickman, Dwantriq Crippen, Tanaka Crippen, Jalissa Crippen, Janae Crippen, Chrystal Johnson, Rynell Crippen, Evan Crippen and Beauty Peace; nineteen great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, other family and friends.

Oliver was preceded in death by his mother Dorothy Fisher Matthews, father, Thomas Edgar Matthews, sister, Brenda Matthews and brother Curtis Matthews.

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family