



Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.

October 15, 1946 - August 8, 2025

Robert, affectionately known as “Jimmy” was born October 15, 1946, in Centreville, MD. He is the son of the late Robert Marvin Pritchett, Sr. and Bertha Ann Rozier Pritchett. God called his servant to take his rest in Glory on Friday, August 8, 2025. He fought the good fight; he finished the race; and kept the faith—leaving behind a legacy that would continue to inspire those who knew and loved him.

He received his early education in the Queen Anne’s County Public Schools and graduated from Kennard High School in 1965. It was at Kennard where he met his first wife, Christine Emma Jones Pritchett. From their union of 55 years, they had two daughters, Kaynette and Dana. He was more than a father; he was their “mister-mom,” shepherding them to activities, encouraging them to dream big, and grounding them in the wisdom of biblical teachings.

The Lord blessed him with a grandson, Justin Sye, whom he took great pride in. Spending time with his grandson was one of his great joys. They could be found spending time together at the arcade, on vacation, the Orioles games, and enjoying his favorite pass time—fishing! Justin could count on his Pop-pop to support him in everything he did, and to give him wise counsel.

Jimmy’s spirit was infectious—free, fun, and humble. Whether known as Dad, Pop-Pop, Brother, Uncle Jimmy, friend, or Bishop, he touched hearts with kindness and wisdom. He was a man of faith, guiding not only his family but also the many souls who crossed his path. In every town he called home, he left a mark, serving his community with the same devotion he showed his loved ones. In 1987, when the Grasonville Community Center first opened its doors, Jimmy stepped forward as its inaugural president, serving for over five years.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in 1966 at Robinson’s AME Church, Grasonville, MD under the late Jesse Brown. As he grew in his faith, he accepted his call to preach in 1975 under the late Norman E. Blackston. He served there until the Lord called him to Pastoral ministry. It is said that he was the first minister to come out of Robinson’s AME Church after 40 years.

In April of 1977, he received his first pastoral appointment at Wright’s AME Church in Elkton, MD. His second appointment was St. James AME Church in Havre De Grace, MD,

in April of 1980, where the congregation welcomed him with open arms. Change came once again in April 1984, when he was appointed to Adams Chapel AME Church, Baltimore, MD. As he ministered there, a new calling began to press upon his heart to plant a ministry on the Upper Eastern Shore of Maryland. He listened, prayed, and finally, in September of 1987, Faith Unity Fellowship Interdenominational Church, Inc. was born out of his home starting with seven founding members.

In 1997, he was ordained as bishop by Bishop Robert Farrow. His spiritual vision inspired the reincorporation of the ministry to Faith Unity Fellowship Interdenominational Worldwide Ministries, Inc. Spanning his years in ministry, over sixty men and women answered their call to preach the gospel with ministries across Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

He received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Kingdom University in 2007. A matriculate of Howard University, he received his graduate degree from Liberty University as well as an undergraduate from the University of Maryland College Park. He received a Certificate of Biblical Counseling from Light University, Forest, VA.

Bishop Pritchett founded and served as president of Koinonia Biblical Theological Institute & College, an affiliate of LOGOS Educators Network of Jacksonville, FL; founded and served as president of The Little Lights of Faith Early Learning Center, 2017 (known as Faith Unity's Daycare Center); co-founder of We Care Ministerial Alliance, a coalition of pastors committed to uplifting the communities they served on Maryland's Eastern Shore. He founded and organized Black Brothers for Change, a mentoring ministry focused on black male youth, for which he received a "13 Gold Salute" from Channel 13 News in 1992. In March 2014, he became a member of Global United Fellowship and was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Coalition of Bishops and Apostles. He was a member of the Prince George's Ministers Support Group, among themselves referred to as "the brothers." He co-founded of (remove "of") the Chesapeake College of Bishops and Pastors, May 2009 the first officers were installed, and he served as the presiding Bishop until he retired in 2023.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and certificates, including the Lifetime Achievement Award, the President's Volunteer Service Award, a Lifetime Silver Medal for National Community Service, and a Bronze Medal for Volunteer Service, all presented by President Obama in 2017. He authored three books, "Season of the Lion", "Victoriously Blessed: From Adversity to Blessings!", and his most recent book released July 2025, "God Has The Final Say: Medication Meditations".

Bishop retired in 2023 from Pastoring and assumed the position of Bishop Emeritus in the Faith Unity Fellowship Worldwide Ministries and in service to the Chesapeake College of Bishops. Although retired, he continued to preach the gospel and be active in the ministry. In 2023, he married the former Bonzella "Bonnie" Harmon, adding three children and 20 grandchildren and three great grandchildren to his family.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Bonzella "Bonnie", daughters Kaynette Handy

(Ted), Townsend, DE and Dana Pritchett, Baltimore, MD; grandson Justin Sye, Baltimore, MD; stand-in son Lenell Jones (Beverly) Grasonville, MD; Step-daughter Amber Auguste (Karl) and Step-sons Aaron Garnett (Turquoise), and Marshall Corbin all of Elkton, MD; step-grandsons Theodore Handy, III, New Jersey, Ryan Handy, New Castle, DE, and the host of 20 grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sister Sadie "Vonzella" Whittico, Stevensville, MD; brother Rodney Pritchett (Phyllis), Marcus Hook, PA; sisters Kathleen Pritchett, Toledo, OH; Anna Williams, Centreville, MD; Bertha Green (Ricky, Sr.), Chestertown, MD; Karen Maddox (Oliver), Centreville, MD; brother Andrew "Andy" Pritchett (Karen), Centralia, WA; special cousin Leon Reese, Pittsburg, CA. Precious memories will be cherished by his Godchildren Kimberly Butler, Jock DeShields, Devrine Jones, Sr., Ricky Green, Jr., Kawana Gray, and Destiny Turner, and a host of brothers and sisters in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife Christine Pritchett, sister Diane Johnson, niece & goddaughter Shante' Johnson, special cousin George Pritchett, Sr., and best friend Ricky DeShields.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Faith Unity Fellowship Ministries
116 Liberty Lane
Chestertown, MD 21620

Praise & Worship Only

AUG 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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116 Liberty Lane
Chestertown, MD 21620

Visitation

AUG 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chestertown Baptist Church
401 Morgnec RD
Chestertown, MD 21620

Funeral Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chestertown Baptist Church
401 Morgnec RD
Chestertown, MD 21620

Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

AUG 23. 11:00 AM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - September 03, 2025 at 03:10 PM

JH

“ *Bishop Pritchett was my pastor while I was in high school. He married me 17 years ago. My condolences to the family. Rest easy, Bishop Pritchett.*

Julie Harris - August 27, 2025 at 03:31 PM

GH

“ *GWYNETH HUGHES lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.*



GWYNETH HUGHES - August 23, 2025 at 02:35 PM

KG

“ *To the family of the late Bishop Pritchett, thank you for sharing Bishop with us all. May our God grant you His peace.*

*Pastor Kathleen R. Graves
Holy Temple of Jesus Christ
Joppa, MD*



Kathleen R Graves - August 23, 2025 at 10:36 AM

JB

“ *Jean Cooper And Missy Bennett lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.*



Jean Cooper and Missy Bennett - August 23, 2025 at 10:19 AM

KB

“ To my Family, we have lost a link but Bishop is now with his Love 💜. I will truly miss my Spiritual Counselor 💔but I will always have a reason to look up. 🙏🕊️💜

Kay Brown - August 23, 2025 at 03:45 AM

TN

“ My Dearest Dana, Kaye and Justin. Our heart goes out to you all and are so very sorry for the loss of your wonderful father and grandfather. All of our love, Ben, Tyrah, Bronson, Aussie and Eden Neave
Melbourne, Australia



Tyrah Neave - August 23, 2025 at 02:29 AM

ES

“ Bishop Pritchett was our former pastor at Adams Chapel. He also became one of our lifetime friends. As we continue to keep the Pritchett Family in our prayers we will always remember Bishop Pritchett and the major connection he will always have in our lives.

Elvelyn Snipes - August 22, 2025 at 10:20 PM

SW

“ Shirley Walker lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.



Shirley Walker - August 22, 2025 at 08:04 PM

SW

God has done a great work in and through you.

Shirley Walker - August 22, 2025 at 08:07 PM

SB

“ Sarah Johnson Brown lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.



sarah Johnson Brown - August 22, 2025 at 11:11 AM

LW

“ *Levon & Angela Washington and Family*



Levon Washington - August 22, 2025 at 10:52 AM

RG

“ *Reggie Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.*



Reggie Gibbs - August 21, 2025 at 08:03 PM

MP

“ *Michael Pritchett & Cathleen Pritchett purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr..*



Michael Pritchett & Cathleen Pritchett - August 20, 2025 at 08:31 PM

MP

“ *Michael Pritchett & Cathleen Pritchett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr..*

Michael Pritchett & Cathleen Pritchett - August 20, 2025 at 08:31 PM

DM

“ *Damon Mears purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr..*



Damon Mears - August 20, 2025 at 03:36 PM

TW

“ Tasha Warner lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.



Tasha Warner - August 20, 2025 at 01:38 PM

BV

“ Brother Rodney, & Sister Vonzella purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr..



Brother Rodney, & Sister Vonzella - August 19, 2025 at 07:01 PM

TR

“ The Sye family, Mike, Mark, & Rikki purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr..



The Sye family, Mike, Mark, & Rikki - August 19, 2025 at 03:49 PM

SP

“ Sharon Perkins lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.



Sharon Perkins - August 19, 2025 at 12:21 PM

AJ

“ Albert Brooks Jr, lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.



Albert Brooks Jr, - August 19, 2025 at 10:45 AM

JN

“ Joe & Jeannie Nickens lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.



Joe & Jeannie Nickens - August 17, 2025 at 10:58 PM

WT

“ Wilbur & Daphine Thomas lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.



Wilbur & Daphine Thomas - August 17, 2025 at 01:45 PM

LJ

“ PSALM 55:6 "OH, THAT I HAD WINGS LIKE A DOVE! I WOULD FLY AWAY AND BE AT REST."

"WON'T HE DO IT!"

With PRAYERS And BLESSINGS To The Family.
Lorraine Jenkins & Family (Philippians 4:13)



Lorraine Jenkins - August 17, 2025 at 08:04 AM

TW

“ Tony & Betty Whyte lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.



Tony & Betty Whyte - August 16, 2025 at 06:25 PM

LR

“ Lee And Buck Ryans lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.



Lee and Buck Ryans - August 16, 2025 at 01:44 PM

MH

“ *Martrina Hoxter lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.*



Martrina Hoxter - August 16, 2025 at 08:58 AM

BD

“ *Brenda Dodd lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.*



Brenda Dodd - August 15, 2025 at 06:49 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.*



Mary Johnson - August 15, 2025 at 04:26 PM

JP

“ *Janet E Pauls lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.*



Janet E Pauls - August 15, 2025 at 12:55 PM

IC

“ *Iris Carter lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.*



Iris Carter - August 15, 2025 at 12:28 PM

JB

“ Jackie Brown lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.



Jackie Brown - August 15, 2025 at 08:34 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - August 15, 2025 at 07:15 AM

RS

“ Richard Copes Jr And Rhonda Sudler lit a candle in memory of Bishop Robert Pritchett Jr.



Richard Copes Jr and Rhonda Sudler - August 14, 2025 at 10:17 PM

PJ

“ Bishop take a well deserved rest. Heaven has gained another Angel 🙏

Pelbea Griffin Jones - August 14, 2025 at 08:54 PM

RP

“ Well done Servant of God!!



Rusty & Geraldine Pauls - August 14, 2025 at 06:59 PM