



Earl Julius Umstead

November 4, 1933 - July 17, 2017

Retired Master Sargent, Earl J. “Proctor The Vacuum Doctor” Umstead, age 83, departed this life peacefully on July 17, 2017, with his wife, Lillian at his bedside. He was born in Rocky Mountain, North Carolina, on November 4, 1933. He was born to Cornelia Parson and Oslow Umstead, who both preceded him in death. Earl, received his education from North Carolina A&T State University and shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the US Air Force, where he served his country for 24 ½ years before retiring. Later, Earl would marry his devoted wife of 36 years, and she remained by his side until his passing.

Trustee Umstead or “Uncle Earl” as he was affectionately known, was a faithful member in good standing, until the very end, at Bibleway Temple C.O.G.I.C. under the teachings of the late Bishop L.T. Blackshear and current Pastor, Bishop T. L. Holsey. It was here that he served on the Trustee Board, the Male Choir, & he taught Sunday School for many years. Trustee Umstead used to lead one of his favorite songs, “Jesus on the mainline, tell Him what you want!” When he had the opportunity to read the Scripture, he always read, Psalms 1, in its entirety. His talents included fixing vacuum cleaners and he owned/operated a vacuum cleaner shop at Spencer’s Bazaar for many years. Because of his affiliations at his shop, he was widely known and respected within the community.

Trustee Umstead was also preceded in death by his brother, Joe Corbett and

his son, Joe Twitty. He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Lillian Umstead; brothers, Lonnie (Florence) Umstead of Hampton, VA, Frank Corbett of Indiana, PA, Larry Goolsby of Philadelphia, PA; sisters, Bernice Barnes & Barbara McFarland, both of Philadelphia, PA; 3 daughters, Cornelia Rush of Sacramento, CA, Carmen Murphy of St. Louis, IL, & Debra Lamb of Dover, DE; grandchildren: Mauricia, Jomanda, Joanna, Brandy, Sean, Shayla, Andrade (Cindy), Terrence, Joe Jr., Shawn, & Swan; nieces & nephews, Maurice, Denise, Ka-Msiyara (Kelly), Melvin, Glen, Wayne, John, Lance, Qahmir; an aunt, Thelma Pinkett; an uncle, Milton Parson; Goddaughter, Ashleigh Summers and a host of great grandchildren, great nieces, great nephews, and cousins.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family of Trustee Earl J. Umstead

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Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ I have very good memories of my grandfather, and he will be missed dearly. I was his second eldest granddaughter. He always made me laugh and had plenty of jokes to tell. I always wish I had of lived nearer to him. He'll always be in my heart.

Joann Fazalilahi - July 24, 2019 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

DS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. No words can take away the pain and the hurt of losing someone we love in death. The bible can give us comfort in times of grief. At Acts 24:15, it tells us that the dead will be resurrected. So you have a chance of being reunited with your loved one again. Please take comfort in the bible promises during your time of grief, and may the God of all comfort grant your entire family peace.

Doretha Sampson - July 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Aunt Lillian "Sister", we extend our heartfelt sympathy. There's so little one can do or say, but may it help to know that we care and love you deeply.

Alphonso, Tina, Kendra and Sydney

Al and Tina Johnson & the girls - July 20, 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 (James 4:14). 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. 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). He further encourages all of us to exercise faith in that promise and be blessed as we see that promise fulfilled (John 11:25; 3:16). 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). As the Bible tells us, one day both the living and the dead who are brought back to life will enjoy life, everlasting life, as God originally purposed for this earth thousands of years ago in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:28; Jeremiah 29:11). Truly, what a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality for God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). All that He asks of us is that we simply do His will and not our own (1 John 2:17; Proverbs 3:5,6). 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 - July 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family 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.

M Jones - July 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM